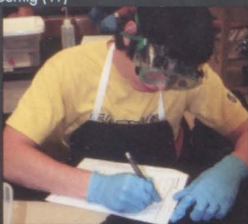


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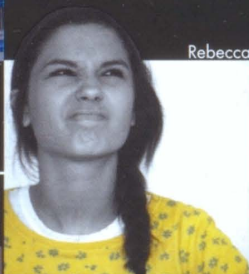
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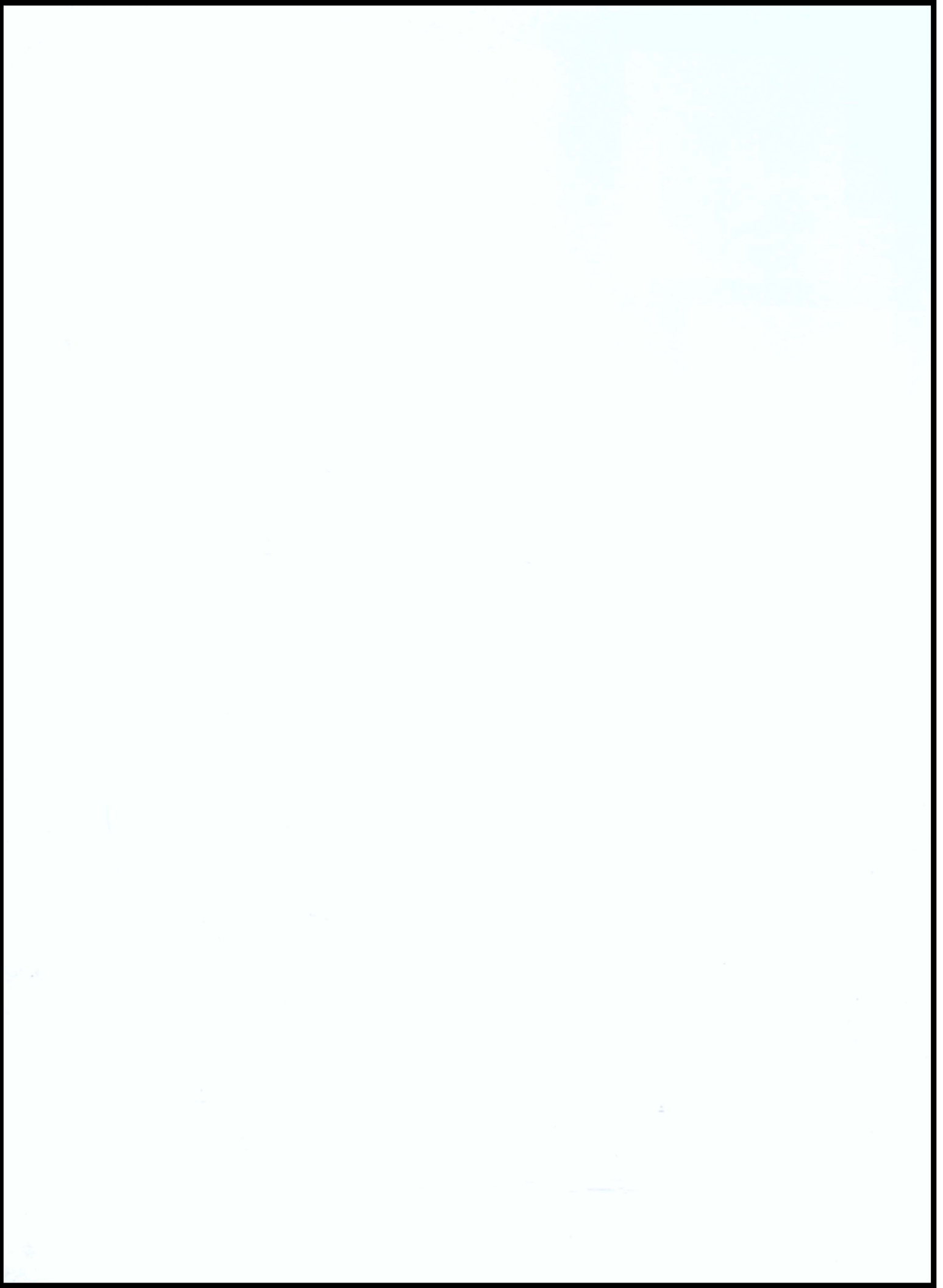
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Joseph Synakiewicz (11) and



Mitchell Anthony (11)

in & out

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3,017 students
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It's 7:15 a.m.

Outside, the parking is quickly filling with cars and students who look as if they had just rolled out of bed.

Walking into school, 3,017 cranky kids slowly make their way to their first or fifth hour class.

Looking in some of the rooms, you might find Ms. Carrie Wadycki's photojournalism students getting their digital cameras ready. Mr. John Talaber might be giving one of his beloved art demonstrations. You might even find Mr. Ralph Holden teaching his AP psychology class using unusual props like the famous drunk goggles.

Walking through the hallway, songs like Aerosmith's "I Don't Wanna Miss a Thing" and Tim McGraw's "Live Like You Were Dying" provide at least some form of entertainment as the school day rolls on.

At first glance, we are just another high school.

However, how many schools in the area contain students from three major towns? How many have blue-taped hallways that become so crowded that it takes the full six minutes to walk from one classroom to the other? How many opened a new training facility for their student athletes? How many have classrooms that were once a former weight room?

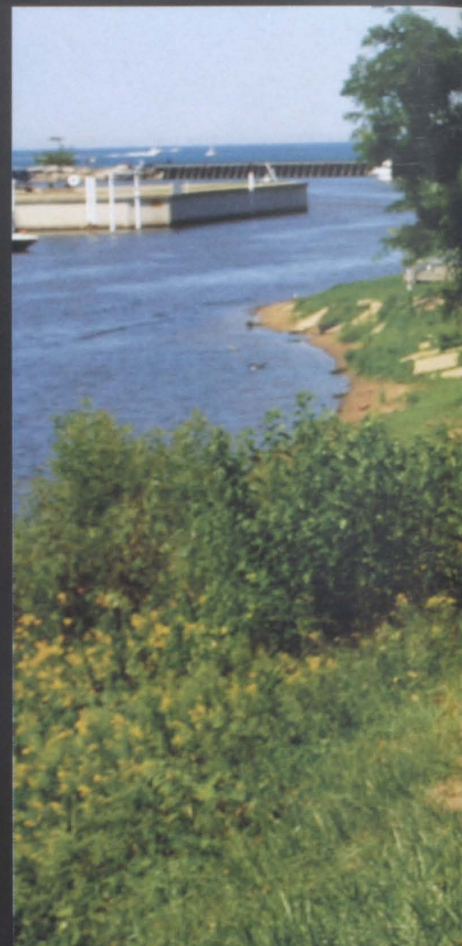
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It is only in our school that warm, fresh-baked Otis Spunkmeyer cookies can be bought at lunch. It is only in our school that the monitors incessantly flash "code-red" on the screen for the duration of the drills. It is only in our school that halls transition from A to V to C with no decipherable reason.

Within these poster-walls, our experiences are unlike any other. Our school, embedded in Northwest Indiana and right next to Chicago, is far from fitting in. We can go from big city sophistication back to small town roots within an hour.

We are stuck in the middle of E-hall, we are out in the region, we are under the pressures of high school, and we are preparing to step out into the real world. As a school and as a community, we fit in and stand out together. Whether we are in or out with the towns, regions and schools around us, we are still LC.

*We are the Indians,
in & out, and everything inbetween.*



1 Katilyn Alcott (11), Jamie Huizenga (11) and Lauren DeYoung (11) stop to look at the public beach in New Buffalo, Michigan. Although it took the girls an hour to drive there, it was their final trip to the beach while it was still hot outside.

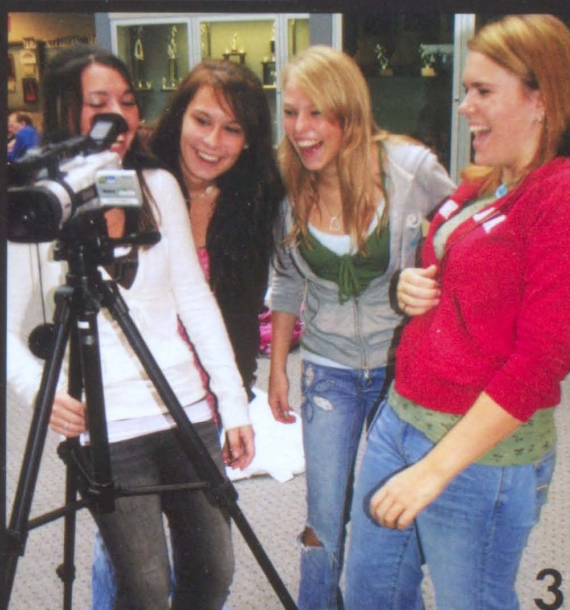
2 Student fans of the Varsity football team take their spot in the front row before the game against Crown Point. The group of boys spelled out "Indians" for the last time before the "no shirt, no body painting" rule was enforced.

3 Valerie Hill (10) shows a group of friends her recent recording for the Halloween costume special on **LCTV**'s Indian Insights. The girls laughed at their decision to dress up like ghosts for the school's announcements.



"When you fit in with a group that stands out, you can make a really big impact,"

Grace Calderone (9) said.



"I try to do school activities, and I like meeting new people. I try to get involved in classes, too," Christine Natarrelli (12) said.

1 Dana Vander Genugten (12) shows off her new bandage after giving blood to the Heartland Blood Center. "I did it for the feeling I got when I was told I saved three lives by my blood," Vander Genugten said.

2 Johanna Sivak (12) and Sarah Targos (12) stop to view their collected specimen from the wetlands on campus. "I took environmental science just to have another credit on my report card, but I ended up really enjoying the class," Targos said.

3 David Rossi (11) paints on a Food Drive poster during an Interact meeting after school. "John Bojczuk (11) and I got Andrew Srisuwannukorn (11) to help us collect food from Briar Ridge, and we ended up getting over 3000 points," Rossi said.

4 Kyle Kacius (12) takes a breath of air during his event. Kacius swam free style against Penn High School and has swam since freshman year.



"I think it is better to stand out positively as an individual rather than blend in with the crowd."

Kathleen Dienes (9) said.

"It's hard to think of yourself as standing out because you want to fit in. You want to have common ground, but be yourself," Kristin Greenwood (11)



But what actually makes up our school? Who are the amazing individuals that come together to form such a diverse student body?



Take Anthony Morang (12) for example; in a grueling game against Portage, he ran a total of 130 yards and scored two touchdowns on what he thought was just a cramp, but really turned out to be a broken tibia.

Maybe running on a broken leg during a football game isn't extraordinary enough for you. Perhaps the debate team is more your style.



Stevan Tomich II (11), along with his partner Mark Kalinich (11), placed second at their biggest debate competition of the year. Thomas Scott Barclay (12) and Anthony Lyza (12) also competed and placed third. This the first time we have had a debate team in 15 years.

If the debate team's honors and awards don't interest you, try our girls basketball team.



Along with playing soccer and softball, Brooke Polus (10) excels in basketball. She plays as a starting guard or forward on the Varsity team. Her personal record for a game is 22 points.

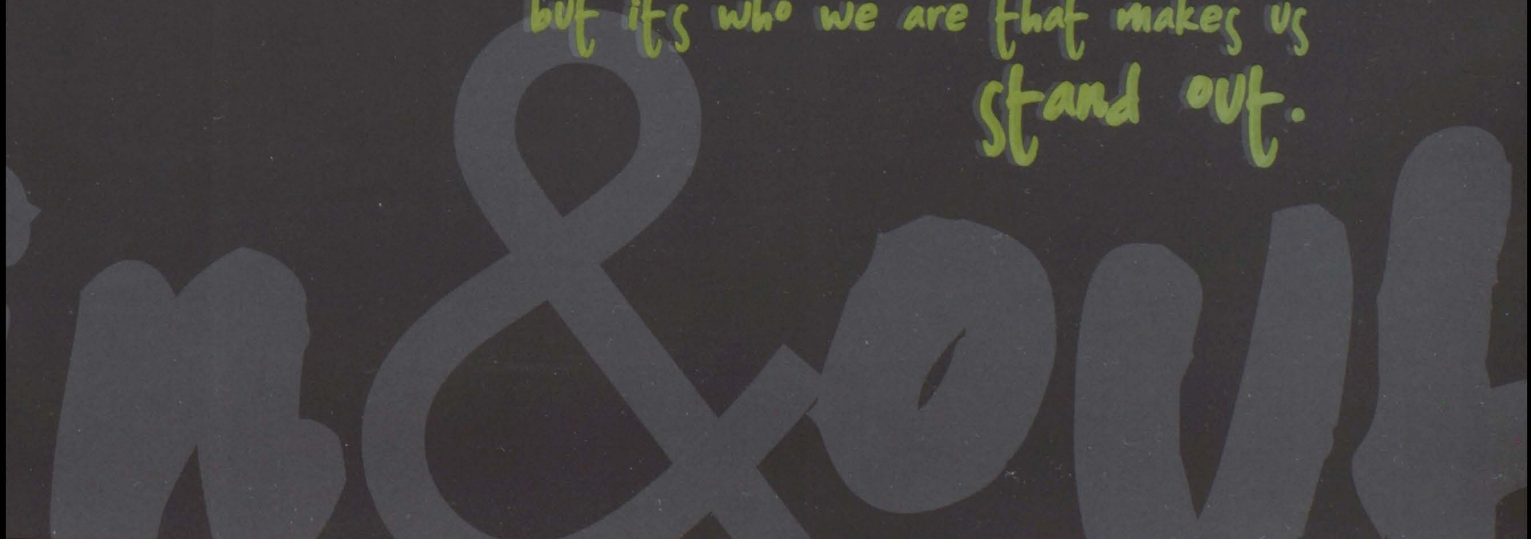
If point records don't catch your eye, maybe our very own Peter Jennings will.



Michael Majchrowicz (9) is 14 years old and writes for *The Hammond Times*. He met a reporter through his father and applied for the job. He now has a column called "Sound Off," which he shares with a student from a different school. He also does free-lance reporting and is on the diving team.

All of us attend the same high school, but we are not all the same. Whether we are just coming in or on our way out, we are all finding out where we belong.

It's what we do that makes us fit in,
but it's who we are that makes us
stand out.



into the wild



Scout Demir (9) and Meghan Blais (9)



Scout Demir (9)

755
freshmen this
year

70
more students
than last
year's total

23
new teachers



Margaret Logan (9) Scout Demir (9)

freshman finds her way

Viewing high school as the last step before the big jump to college, students have different reactions before taking their feet off the ground. The high school years contain new experiences, new friends, and sometimes the best and worst moments of one's life.

Along with all the new things about to be thrown a freshman's way, the overwhelming emotion of excitement and anticipation of stepping into something unknown is a common feeling for one to have. For Scout Demir (9), stepping into the wild of high school and leaving the familiarity of middle school was a bittersweet experience.

"I was kind of sad leaving Kahler, but I was excited to start high school," Demir said. "I thought it would be fun to have a new start."

Scout didn't just jump into the new experience of high school and leave it at that. She jumped into the craziness of the swim team and was thrust into the vigorous routine of the high school curriculum. Offering some comfort, the freshmen center only accounts for the core classes, which is just part of Demir's crazy schedule. Leaving the freshmen sanctuary and having to venture into the high school for classes such as keyboarding and world history can bring about different emotions.

"[The high school] is way more crowded than the freshmen center, and sometimes very frustrating," Demir said.

Walking into the pool, Scout moves on to her next high school adventure: the swim team.

"I'm on the varsity swim team, and it's great but it is sometimes hard keeping up with the older, faster people," Demir said.

Swim team pressure is hard to deal with, but Demir also feels that the academics of high school are more taxing than those in middle school.

"I definitely feel more pressured having a test almost everyday, but SRT really helps with my amount of homework," Demir said.

After Demir wakes up for the 5 a.m. swim practices, goes through a stressful school day, heads back to afternoon swim practice and finally ends her night with studying, she still has a social life to worry about. High school is a place that can make or break a person's reputation, and Demir sees that the maturity level of her peers has changed since middle school.

"In my classes, there aren't really any cliques or anything like the groups in middle school. I think people are being more confident. I just think [cliques] are not as important as they were in middle school," Demir said.

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"It was really wild setting things on fire in freshmen year science class," Kristin Malek (11) said.

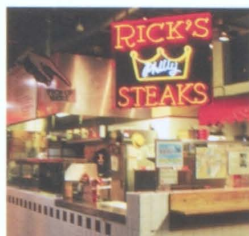
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"After Mr. Svetanoff's English class last year, my friends and I would form a chain to get through E-hall," Lesley Payonk (11) said.

the reading terminal market



journalism students
discover a new
atmosphere



While at the National Journalism Convention in Philadelphia, PN, journalism students were thrust into an unfamiliar environment at the Reading Terminal Market.

"The market was really crazy because every time you turned a corner, you found



something totally different and unexpected," Katelyn Harned (11) said.

Every student seemed to find their own favorite part of the unique chaos.

"I loved the little flower vendor area. The flowers smelled really good and they



looked so pretty," Lindsey Janiga (11) said.

Fresh smelling flowers were just one of the reasons that this public market was preferred over the supermarkets that the students returned to coming back to the Hoosier state.

"[The market] was five hun-



dred times better. Everything at Jewel and Strack's is mass-produced and pre-packaged and loaded with crazy preservatives. At the market, fresh food was served daily, and many things were homemade or handmade," Karen Burgos (12) said.

tips for e-hall



"Try to take different short-cuts. Plan what books you're going to take to avoid the hall," Stephanie Mikolajczyk (10) said.

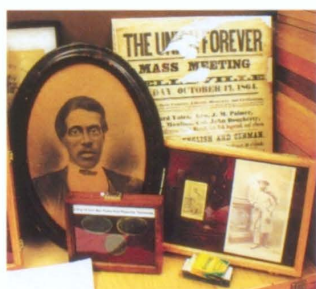
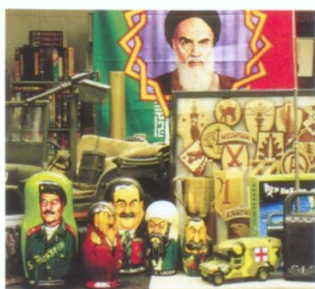
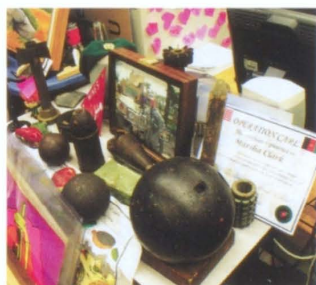


"Get a friend or someone you know and hold them in front of you. Push your way like a body shield," Brett Guiden (11) said.



"When [E-hall] gets too crowded, you would just have to push your way in order to get through it," Jeremy Mathis (12) said.

Mr. Clark puts history into students' hands



Land mines, flags, helmets and veteran frames. These are only a few of the things students are bombarded with as they walk into room C103. U.S. History Honors and World Affairs teacher, Mr. Tom Clark, not only educates, but takes the initiative to bring history to life.

"I've been collecting [historical pieces] ever since I was little, since I was eight years old," Clark said.

Mr. Clark displays all of his historical pieces in his fascinating room. Looking around, one can see anything from pieces of helmets from Osama Bin Laden's hideout to original newspapers

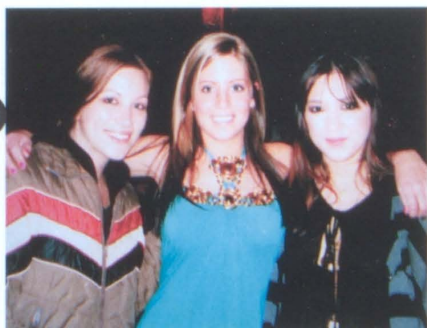
printed during the Civil War.

"I buy stuff and collect it because it's historical. I collect it so other people can see it. Some people say, 'Why don't you sell all this stuff,' but if I sell it, all I'll have is a bunch of money," Clark said.

Clark's room may seem extremely cluttered, but he feels his students benefit from all the historical materials. The historical regalia brings history up out of the repetitive books and into the hands of the students'.

"This is nothing! You should see my house, except my wife says I can't have anything upstairs," Clark said.

in the limelight



Bright lights and fans are ordinary excitements for a music artist. Last February, Lindsay Jurek (11) opened for the country band, The Wreckers, at Ohio University. How would someone who isn't a well known artist even get the opportunity to open for a well known artist?

"My cousin puts on all the comedy shows there. He talked to the head of the music department at Ohio, who talked to the manager of The Wreckers," Jurek said.

While there she had to be on a strict schedule.

"At 8 p.m. I went on and played until 8:30 p.m. I played seven or eight songs," Jurek said.

For aspiring artists, this would be a once in a lifetime experience.

"It was really fun. I got to meet them. They opened for Chris Cagel, so I got to meet him. I got Chris's and The Wreckers' autographs. The fans were crazy and awesome. I got to take pictures with them and sign autographs," Jurek said.

Opening for The Wreckers

has opened a door of opportunity for her.

"I play a lot of things locally. I got to play with Nicole Jamroses' band," she said.

Not only did she get to open for The Wreckers, but she also tried out for American Idol this summer. The distance she had to go and the amount of people trying out were both in the thousands.

"There were 5,000 people at first and I had to go to South Carolina because there wasn't a tryout in Chicago," Jurek said.

Making the first two cuts would be crucial to perform for the three famous judges.

"I was shaking when I sang my song. Randy said 'yes.' Simmon said 'no', but that's all he said. Paula was iffy about it. She said I was young so I should come back," Jurek said.

After being turned down by American Idol, would she tryout again?

"Maybe in a few years I'll go back if it's close," Jurek said. One thing's for sure though: look out for Jurek in the future.



insight: mark k.

schedule:

1st: AP English
2nd: Wind Ensemble
3rd: AP Psychology
4th: U.S. History Honors
5th: AP Chemistry
6th: AP Chemistry/SRT
7th: Spanish III Honors
8th: Pre-Calculus Honors

activities:

Debate Team,
football, Jazz
Band, Academic
Superbowl,
JETS, Wind
Ensemble,
weight lifting
and Interact

With 3 AP classes and 3 honors classes, most people would be overwhelmed by high expectations, but not Mark Kalinich (11).

"I enjoy them. I like to learn, and I might as well take advantage of free education while I can," Kalinich said.

With a challenging academic schedule, Kalinich still finds the time for eight extracurricular activities.

"I just enjoy all the activities I'm in. I'm glad to accomplish everything I can while I'm here," Kalinich said.

Andrew Siegle: student pilot



Q: When did you start flying?

A: Last fall

Q: What made you interested in flying?

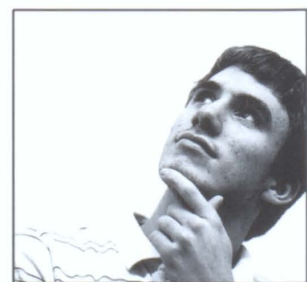
A: My neighbor is a pilot, and he always wanted to take me.

Q: When you are older do you want to be a pilot?

A: No, just as a hobby.

Q: Have you flown anywhere interesting?

A: No, the farthest I've flown is Lansing.



"I enjoy staying busy because it helps pass time and fills the empty space in my soul," Robert Kwiecinski (12) said.

"When I come home every day, I babysit my two sisters. It takes up a lot of my time, and it's hectic," Tiffani Myvett (10) said.

in your shoes



a helping hand for critical conditions

student travels south for Hurricane Katrina help

Devastating the lives and homes of thousands of people, Hurricane Katrina will be remembered as one of the deadliest hurricanes in our country's history. After the mess Katrina left behind, one student took the opportunity to step up and volunteer.

This summer Colleen McElmurry (9) went on a mission trip with Teens for Christ to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. While she was there, McElmurry had a schedule that she had to stick to.

"We woke up around 6 a.m., got ready, went to the tent to eat, and had to be at the vans by 7 a.m. We split into groups, and got on the sites around 8 a.m. Lunch was at 12 p.m., and we continued working until about 5 p.m. We drove back to the camp and ate at 6 p.m. We'd have some free time. After, we'd have a prayer service or another activity," McElmurry said.

The long day helped to improve conditions.

"We worked on houses and buildings that were devastated by Hurricane Katrina. We dry walled, painted a school and cleaned up yards," McElmurry said.

Trying to help make conditions better for the people that were affected by this tragedy, McElmurry had different emotions running through her mind.



"I wanted to do anything I could just to see them smile,"

Colleen McElmurry (9) said.

"Helping gave me an amazing feeling. I was happy to help, but it was hard to imagine that people had to live through this. I wanted to do anything I could just to see them smile," McElmurry said.

Not only were emotions running through her mind, McElmurry also left with life lessons learned.

"I learned that you have to rise above fear, disaster and devastation. You have to help people and give them hope. [You have to] show them that there are people out there who will help them and support them. We need to show them love and happiness are the strongest powers and a hurricane isn't," McElmurry said.

For those that McElmurry helped in Mississippi, the kindness she provided will not be forgotten.

—Kristen Sweeney

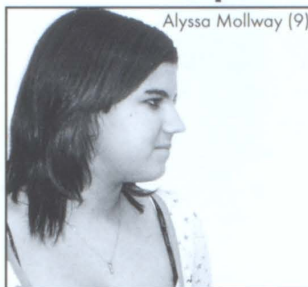
students go in-depth with funny stories of reprobation

getting into trouble



Matthew Schmidt (11)

"I went to the bathroom in C-hall, and the stall door slammed pretty hard. Mr. Clark came in and thought I broke the door. I was called to the office, and they asked if I broke the door, but I really didn't. Since I have never been in trouble before, they believed me."



Alyssa Mollway (9)

"On the second week of school, I took my cell phone out to put it away, and my teacher caught me. She said that I had a 'Friday school,' and wrote that I was texting, but I really wasn't using it. When I finally went to my detention, only, like, three people were there."

"I was pulled over for going 66 [mph] in a 30, only because I slowed down due to a hill. Having just finished the driver's ed. course, I told the cop that I thought it was a Country Road, with the speed limit at 50. So, the cop let me off with a 46 in a 30, instead of 66."

Michael Peddycord (11)



"Robert Keough (11) and I dressed up as babies at a soccer game against Andean. We got in trouble for wearing diapers to the game, so we had to take them off. We had the bright idea of running in front of the bleachers and throwing them at the Andean kids."

Justin Tuerff (12)



jump info: marine biology

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"For the marine biology trip, we went to Key Largo for five days.

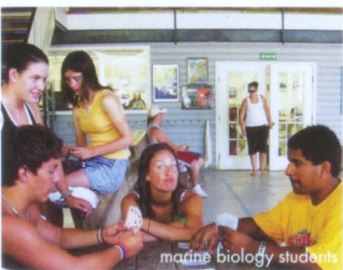
There were two different boats: one for scuba diving and one for snorkeling. The snorkeling one was smaller, and all of our equipment was in the middle in a bin.

The scuba boat was a lot bigger, and it had a shaded area. There were benches and air tanks, two for each person on the scuba boat. Also, for the scuba diving boat, there were two divers instead of one.

During break, after we were done showering or waiting for the next class, we would play games, play volleyball or take pictures by the wall.

The island didn't really have a name; it was just a little area with 'water houses', a lot of boats and chairs. I'm sure it was someone's property.

We came back from scuba diving, and there was another school surrounding an area, and we walked over to see a manatee.



marine biology students



Emily Ganza (11)



Mary Kathleen Siuba (11)

The other students were feeding him, while our school was just standing and watching it.

It was a lot of fun, but for those who are going on the trip or are looking to go on the trip, make sure to get enough sleep and follow the rules,"

Amanda Gnerlic (11) said.

"Honors classes are difficult at times. I have a lot of friends in those classes, so it makes it a lot more fun," Barbara Racich (10) said.

"If you wait until the last minute to do your work [in honors classes] it is almost impossible to be successful in the class," Jessica Clemons (10) said.

in deep water

flood devastates dyer area

You hear about them, you see the pictures and you watch the video footage; yet when it happens to you, it's a whole different story.

The first week of school is hard enough. New teachers, waking up early, going to classes and dealing with crazy hallways is not always welcomed right after two months of sunshine and relaxation.

However, add large amounts of rushing water, fear of property destruction and complete evacuation to that first week, and you get Dyer at the end of August.

The heart of the destruction can be linked back to Plum Creek's rising water. Although many residents believe different factors as to what had caused the flood, most can agree that the problem needs to be fixed.

"This stuff has been going on for thirty-six years; it's crazy! Our Congressmen need to work faster," an anonymous resident of Dyer said.

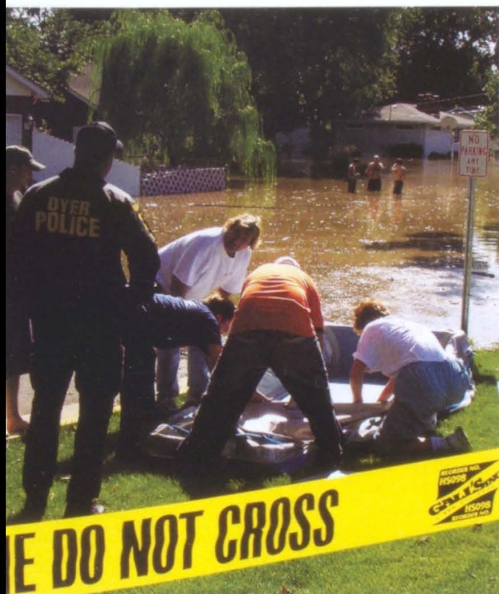
According to *The Times*, the flooding caused damage to 210 homes, destruction to three and minor damage to another 323. St. Margaret's Mercy Health Care Centers, which was required to evacuate, suffered from millions of dollars in damage.

Along with Dyer, other towns from Northwest Indiana, such as Merrillville, Highland, Hobart and Gary, endured the effects from the flood.

August 24th changed people. Whether watching the feed on NBC5 or ABC7 News, helping to fill sandbags, experiencing the rising waters or being evacuated, we all were affected. For the first time, instead of watching it happen, we were experiencing it.



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1 Joshua Schultz ('06) looks over his shoulder while maneuvering through the flooded water. Schultz's neighbor, William Robinson's (10) 2002 Mitsubishi Eclipse Spider was destroyed after his garage filled with six feet of murky water.

2 Sydney Fish (12) talks on her cell phone and watches the fire trucks that came from various towns

and cities. Fish's house was surrounded by sandbags in hopes to stop the water from flowing down into her home and basement.

3 Local Dyer residents congregate around a raft, while three others take positive actions against the flood water in the back. During the week of the flood, rafts, boats and even jet skis were seen around town.

Robert Keough (11)

"I'm crazy because you only live once, so I might as well make it worth it. A lot of people are shy and quiet, so I thought that I should do something different, and be an individual. People are going to remember the person who stuck out, because he was doing all the outrageous things. I like to dress up in costumes, yell and be rambunctious, because it makes me who I am. SHOOOOT!"

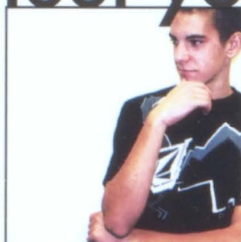


"i'll meet you at the spot"

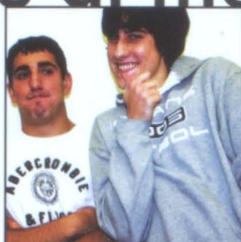


Robert Keough (11)

Robert Pilat (12), Stephen Ragan (11)



Nicholas Miljevic (11)



Ryan Meneghin (12), Stephen Ragan (11)



Adam Szewciw (11)

After the jerseys are hung up and the shin guards are taken off, members of the boys soccer team shout and sing as they form a bridge for the students to walk under while passing "the spot."

Throughout the season, a group of soccer players formed in E-hall before school and during passing periods. As the number of players grew, the crazy team's actions became renowned.

"Shane [Cloutier] (12) hit an unsuspecting on-looker with a spectacular volley. No one knows what happened to the girl or her current condition," Anthony Schultz (12) said.

Along with flying soccer balls and human tunnels, the boys can be heard yelling or singing.

"We sing a lot of songs, and we say 'kisses for everyone,' 'shoot,' and 'brah,' like Ali G.," Nicholas Miljevic (11) said. "Oh, and we pretend to be Euro."

Although there are new words or phrases that the soccer players use and come up with every year, "shoot" may be considered the most used among the group.

"It can be dated back to the summer of '07 when Miljevic coined the phrase," Schultz said.

Whether being distinguished by "one of the craziest in the bunch"

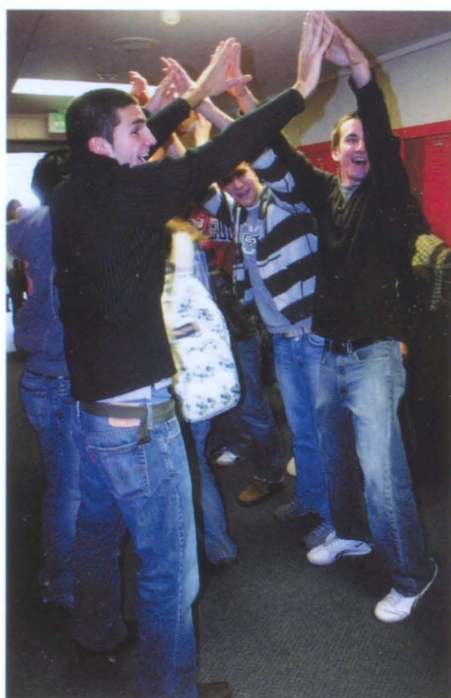
or "so dang good looking," a few soccer players continue to stand out with their Indoor Soccer Team, the "OCHOS."

"[The OCHOS], the greatest team, is a futbol firm from Liverpool," Robert Pilat (12) said.

"The OCHOS is more than just a team. It is a way of life," Schultz said.

By forming the well-known tunnel, shouting coined words and singing songs, the team continued to keep a strong bond even in the off season.

"There's a feeling of warmth, of unity, of family. It's like I'm part of a family," Miljevic said, "You can say, 'I'll meet you at the spot,' and they'll know."



"We were kicking the soccer ball, and I got a Friday school," Stephen Ragan (11) said.

"Flaunting my success [5.0] GPA through flamboyancy is the OCHOS' way of life," Adam Szewciw (11) said.

of your mind



Joseph Damron (12)

are you crazy?

It's not every day that one can experience hitting a car without getting in trouble or seriously injured, sitting on another superfan's shoulders to cheer on in spirit during a football game, or laugh as loud as one wants because of an amusing television segment.

Although one may get lost within a school of our size, what makes the others stand out? Is it their academic success, athletic ability, fine arts talent or helpful hand? Or is it simply others underlying, extreme personalities?

Whatever it may be, everyone goes crazy and out of his or her mind sometime. Everyone stands out somehow.

During the Lake County Fair, Joseph Damron (12) was able to have participated in the Demolition Derby, where

he could hit a car without reprobation and, luckily, with no injuries.

"I've always wanted to do the Demo Derby, and I'm glad I finally got that chance. Even though a lot went wrong, and it was really stressful, it was worth it in the end," Damron said.

Cheering on the Indians at the football game against Crown Point, Anthony Olund (11) and Jerome Minyard (12) stood apart from the crowd by sporting a specific painted letter across their chest.

Other boys who contributed to the spelling of the mascot before the new rule, consisted of Kyle Kaluza (11), Haralambos Manousopoulos (11), Corey Davis (11), Matthew Michalak



Anthony Olund (11) and Jerome Minyard (12)



Amy Nicole Dosen (12)

(11) and Andrew Doyle (12). Unfortunately, body painting was forbidden quickly after that football game.

LCTV crew member, Amy Nicole Dosen (12) was not afraid to admit and show that she has the tendency to act insane sometimes, too.

"I try to make my Video Production segments as entertaining as possible. People may watch them, and think I am out of my mind; but I'm really just having fun. It's my senior year. It's when I should make a fool out of myself on LCTV," Dosen said.

—karen burgos & emily levin

out of the blue

out of high school & into the future

Out of the blue and into something new.

"I'm going to IU [Indiana University] for sure!" Amber Girven (12) said with a hint of excitement in her voice.

Girven applied to IU in August, and got accepted in October. She wants to major in anthropology, and maybe one day become a curator for a museum or a professor at a university.

"I'm really, really happy [to be leaving]. I'm going to be missing people, but that's just a given. I feel that a lot has changed between last year and this one and not all of it's good, but not all of it's bad," Girven said.

On the other hand, Samantha Raab (12) is headed to IU's rival school, Purdue University Lafayette.

"I want to major in psychology and criminology. I want to work for the FBI or the CIA," Raab said.

Raab is excited to be sharing a dorm with one of her good friends, Katherine Dillon (12).

"I have known Katie since I was like, five years old, and we've gone to school together since kindergarten, and have been friends ever since," Raab said.

With athletics in mind, Daniel

Manick (12) is going to be attending Ball State University.

"[Ball State] gave me a full football scholarship, and I really like it down there," Manick said.

"It feels kind of weird because I'm going to miss all of my friends and stuff, but it feels good because I'm going to be starting fresh

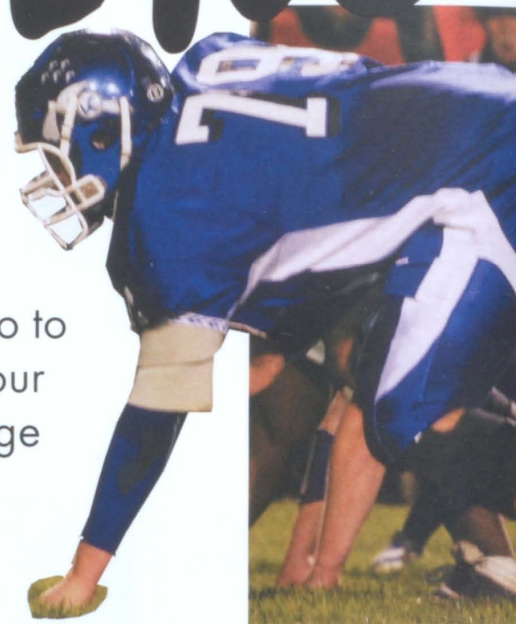
78% of seniors go to a two or four year college

and new," Manick said.

Wherever the seniors are going for college they all have one thing in common, they are going out of the blue and into something new.



Amber Girven (12)



Samantha Raab (12) and Matthew Hayes (12)

"I'm going to be **missing** people but that's just a **given**,"

Amber Girven (12) said.

canada & ISTEP's

"[At] about 9 p.m. our grand adventure began. Our plan was to drive through Detroit into a smaller city, Windsor. [It took] about four hours. We started off with a few setbacks when some of our friends could not go, but we were really excited for the authentic Canadian Bacon. At about 2 a.m. we successfully

crossed the [Canadian] border. When we explained to Canadian customs that we were there for breakfast, we got a questioning look. He asked, 'Are you here for a party?' Katie Byrd (12) explained how we didn't have school due to ISTEP's. We must have driven around for half an hour trying to

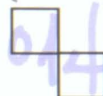
find some place to eat. Finally, [we found] the Golden Skillet. Looking back, I think it was an American chain, because that bacon was very similar to the bacon in my fridge at home. A tip for anyone else who wants to do this: don't stay off the main Interstate when in Detroit," Amanda Paglis (12) said.



Joseph Shaughnessy (12), Katie Byrd (12), Amanda Paglis (12) and Julie Neumaier (12)

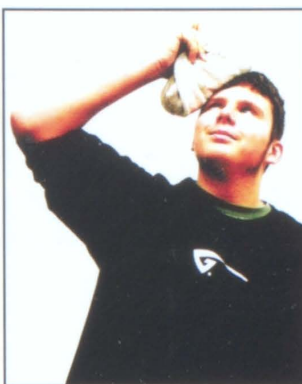
"I just like to hang out and let stuff happen for me," Tatiana Ivancevich (12) said.

"Right after semester, I'm going to be moving to Florida, and I'm ecstatic about it," Gia Laski (12) said.





Daniel Manick (12)



the MRSA scare

A school wide letter is sent out; hand sanitizer suddenly appears in all of the rest rooms and lunch lines and a kid is rumored to have died.

"Everyone thought I died. I came back and I heard a lot of people asking why I'm here. Then, people that didn't know who I was would ask if I had heard that Tylor Perry had died," Tylor Perry (10) said.

Perry got MRSA in October. He

believes he got it from a church trip.

"I went to the doctor because it was a sore that looked like a spider bite, but it was two sizes too big," Perry said.

Perry was out of school for two weeks. Within that time, pan-demonium spread through the school. Reports came in of a MRSA epidemic at Lowell and Crown Point High School. Meanwhile, Perry was at home in pain.

"It was excruciating pain. The sore would bleed and puss everywhere," Perry said.

Perry soon came back to school, and the MRSA scare slowly dried out, but the remnants of those few weeks can still be seen around the school. Every once in a while one can hear a student say, "You better use the antibacterial stuff or else you might get MRSA."

definition:

Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus, or more commonly known as MRSA, is a biological agent responsible for difficult-to-treat infections in humans. These infections resemble boils or pimples on the body.

wow, that's embarrassing

high school memories that make you cringe

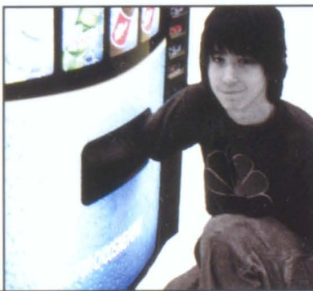


"One day, last year, when I was at Culver's with my friends I had a laughing attack. My friend Joseph O'Rourke (11) started telling jokes and all of a sudden I projected my already chewed ice cream all over the place. It was the most embarrassing moment."

Brooke Bughong (12)

"I'm sitting in stats class on annual drug search day and my car got searched. I didn't really get in any trouble, but when I went to class the other kids had heard and asked me how long I was being expelled for. I didn't want to come to school the next day just to see everyone's reaction".

Rachael Prendergast (12)



"I bought a pop, and the catcher tray has a hole in it. I stick my arm down the hole to get my pop, and then the next thing I know Frankie [Melcher, custodian] is lubing my arm up with Crisco. The EMT's came; my mom came, and called me an idiot; and the pepsi guy came. He looked at me, opened the door and let me out."

Jonathan McFarland (11)

"One morning, before school, I was getting into the car when I heard a 'RIPPP'. It was my pants! They ripped right under my butt. I had to spend the whole entire day trying to hide it because I didn't have time to get changed."

Katelyn Thompson (12)



finally out of the freshman center

sophomores:



"The high school is a lot bigger and a lot more organized than the freshman center is. I like the high school better."

Constantine Boulageris (10)

"I still go through both [high school and freshman center], but the shortcut through the gym is a lot quicker. Going all over the place in the high school is a lot different."

Andrew Meinhardt (10)



"It's a hassle trying to get from the freshman center to the high school. It doesn't really matter though because I only have one class in the freshman center anyway."

Renee Torres (10)

"I like the high school better. It's more mature, and people don't goof off as much. I also like it better because I don't have to walk from the freshman center to the pool."

Jessica Delgado (10)



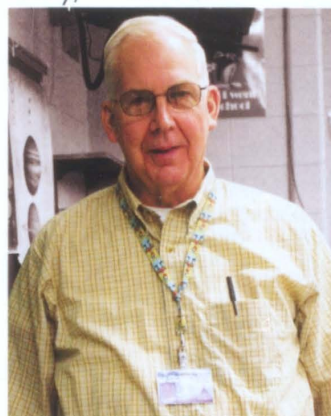
TRAVELING TEACHERS

NAME: Mr. Al Koch

TRAVELS BETWEEN:

three rooms; teaches world geography and U.S. history and along with Mr. Burns, woodworking.

FUN FACT: He wrote a book: *Help Mom with the Dishes*. "It was published last September, and Borders has agreed to start stocking it. I wrote it because everyone has a story," Koch said.



NAME: Mrs. Jody Cook

TRAVELS BETWEEN:

three rooms, and last year she travelled between six; teaches biology and environmental science.

FUN FACT: "I got married in August in Olympic National Park in Washington state, and last Monday the road we parked on was wiped out by the flooding in the northwest," Cook said.



skateboarding to the top

photos contributed by: Kyle Ayling (11)

"I started skating six years ago. I started because kids around me were skating, so it rubbed off on me. I work at Warped Sports [skating shop]. My greatest accomplishments with skating were the Krush [Skatepark] Contests. I took second place my first time and then I took first place my second time in it. The board I have right now is an 8.0 Character Gold Script board. My favorite place to skate is either at Krush or Munster depending on the weather."

Kyle Ayling (11)



"My favorite place to skateboard is at Krush Skatepark," Jacob Runyan (9) said.

"I like the high school better, even though I have to go through E-Hall," Aaron Krivanek (10) said.

roll out



1 Jonathan Solan (12) stands with his 1979 Trans Am. His car was featured in shows when it was in its prime.

2 Ryan Dahlberg (12) stands with his 1994 Trans Am. Dahlberg keeps his car in good condition by putting it in storage during the winter.

3 Bojan Cude (11) stands with his Nissan 350 Z. "I like driving around with my friends, with other nice cars," Cude said.

riding in style

One of the most anticipated perks in high school is finally turning sixteen, and being able to drive to school instead of taking the wonderful bus at 6:20 in the morning. In the all-coveted student parking spots, you will find everything from soccer-mom minivans, gas-guzzling SUV's and the typical Toyota. On the other hand, some students have the luxury of driving to school in an old-school ride or "tricked-out" car.

"I drive a silver Nissan 350 Z," Bojan Cude (11) said, who has had his car since he was a freshman.

While Cude received his car as birthday present, Jonathan Solan's (12) car has been in the family for decades.

"I have a blue '79 Trans Am. I've had it for two years, but my dad bought it new," Solan said.

Along with Solan, Ryan Dahlberg (12) has a Trans Am, but he has only had his for seven months, and it's a 1994 model.

Cude and Dahlberg have spent extra time and money on additions to their already head-turning cars.

"I have gotten the exhaust, wheels, stereo and air intake done to my car," Dahlberg said.

If Cude could choose any other ride to have it would be a Nissan Skyline, while Dahlberg would choose a Dodge Ram SRT 10. Solan wouldn't give up his car for another one in the world.

"I like my car. I rather have it cleaned and fix up the scratches and rust," Solan said.

Most cars have gone through a lot, especially after have being driven for thirty years, and Solan's car is no exception.

"[My car] used to be in shows in its prime, but I need to clean it up. I like driving it to the beach with the T-top down on the highway. It's definitely a beach car. It's not really good on ice in the parking lot at 4:20 in the morning for practice, though," Solan said.

Katie Hanyzewski

early morning risers

grade seems to be a dependent variable on when students roll out of bed

freshman:

1% before 4 a.m.
13% 4:00-5:00 a.m.
23% 6:00-7:00 a.m.

63% wake up between 5 and 6 a.m.

faculty:

24% 4:00-5:00 a.m.
7% 6:00-7:00 a.m.

69% wake up between 5 and 6 a.m.

sophomores and juniors:

6% rise before 5 a.m.

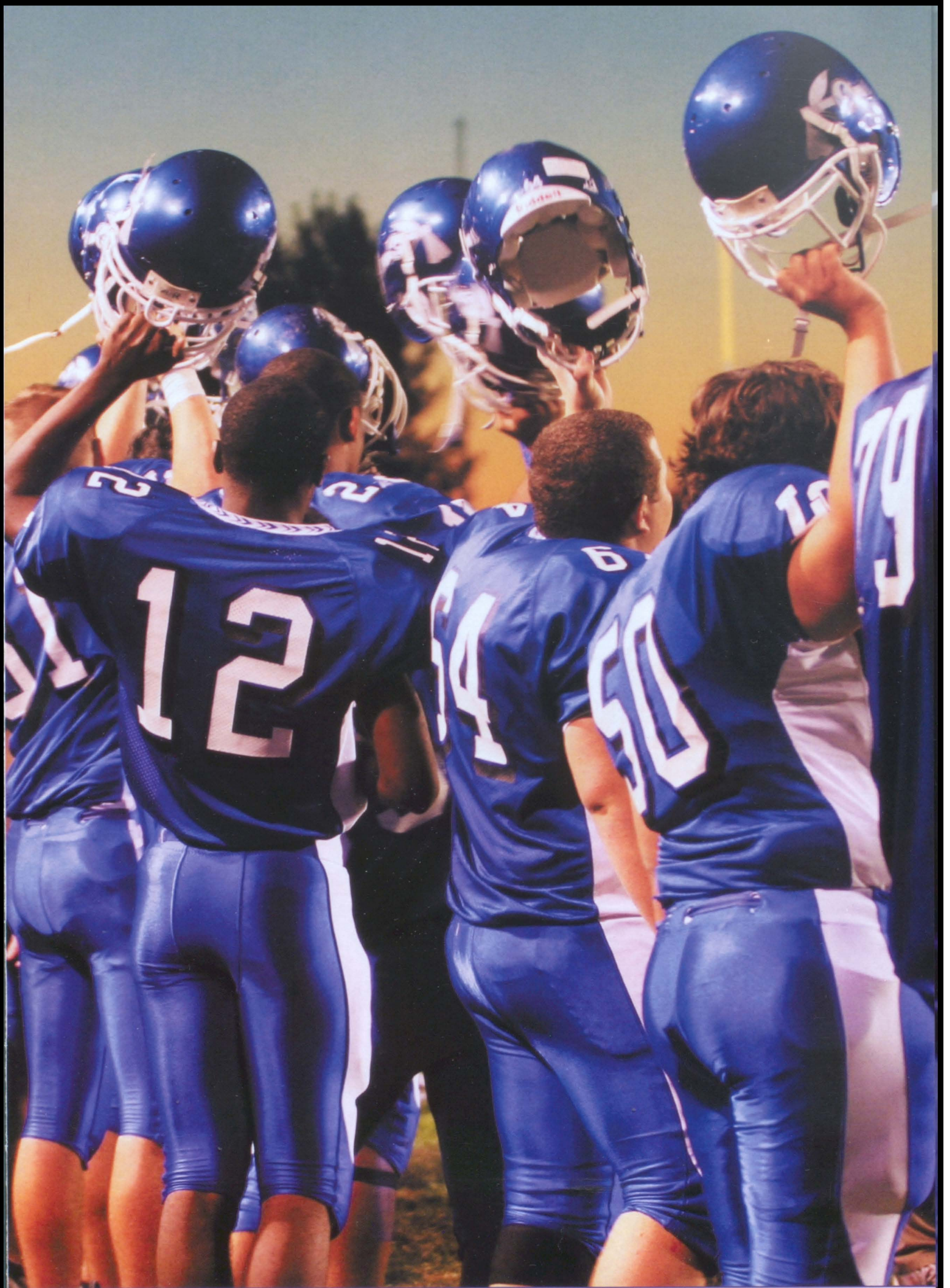
94% wake up between 5 and 7 a.m.

seniors:

7% before 5 a.m.
35% 5:00-6:00 a.m.

58% wake up between 6 and 7 a.m.

759 students and faculty members polled





in

academics 18
clubs 46
fine arts 64
sports 86

your own in-crowd

The need to fit in is something that everyone in high school is highly familiar with.

Finding a table during C lunch, having a group of friends to go to with to the football Sectional Championship game against Merrillville and knowing that there is someone in your U.S. History Honors class that will help explain your political cartoon are all in the back of our minds, whether we *believe it or not.*

As young adults, it's time for us to find out where we fit in for ourselves; it's time for us to find our niche.

Some may find that they excel in academics. Those with schedules that sound like "AP English, AP Calculus, AP Chemistry and AP Psychology" *fit right in* with their ambitious peers.

Others invest hours of time and energy into clubs. The *rewarding feeling* of contributing to Senior Class Cabinet's Matt Wesley benefit dance or Interact's annual food drive is enough to make anyone wish to be involved, and to gain the respect of the student body.

Still, an endless variety of other talented students find that their forte is in the arts. Whether assuming alternate identities in *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* or singing Christmas carols to the classrooms in C-hall, the fine arts provide *a creative outlet* that any student can take the advantage of.

Teammates had turned into family after endless hours on the court. Tears were shed, not because of the loss to LaPorte at Regionals, but because the *reality* that it was the end of a season had finally struck the girls of the Varsity volleyball team.

If you fall in the none-of-the-above category, fear not. There are many that *fit in simply by declaring that they stand out.* Walking into our main foyer doors, it's apparent that self-expression and individuality are the trend.

Despite such diversity, routines like watching the latest comedic segment on LCTV and standing for the daily moment of reflection and the pledge have allowed us to fit in together as *one student body.*



find out where we fit in...



math

in celebration

the one & only math holiday

Every one of us celebrates holidays: Christmas, Hanukkah, St. Patrick's Day, Memorial Day, Easter, but...Pi Day?

Yes, that's right, Pi Day, the one day of the year fully dedicated to eating mass amounts of pie and celebrating the never ending wonders of mathematics.

"Pi Day is 3.14, which means it is held on March 14. It's just a day you 'celebrate' in math class and can be fun, especially if there is actual pie," Shruti Sharma (12) said.

Mrs. Joan Loden's, Mathematics, calculus class and other classes brought in pie and other treats to celebrate the numerically centered holiday.

"Justin Haviar (12) initially announced it and the class agreed as well to have a Pi Day," Sharma said.

Mrs. Loden did not forsake the learning process just for the party though. She taught her class for about twenty minutes before they broke out the pie and the festivities began to unfold.

"There were massive outbreaks of whipped cream fights," Brittany Grantham (12) said.

There was even an instance of whip cream in the hair when Justin Haviar (12) sprayed some in Devin Brock Sanders' (12) hair. Everyone found a way to participate in Pi Day.

"Robbie [Kwiecinski (12)], our residential diabetic, ate the most pie out of anyone, piling his plate high with at least 5 pieces of pie and pumping up his insulin just for the occasion," Grantham said.

Pi Day was definitely a celebration that was looked forward to. There are even some arguments that it should be made a true holiday to be celebrated everywhere, every year.

"Pi Day should be made into a national holiday and should be celebrated annually," Sergio Haro (12) said.

"I believe [Pi Day] is a national holiday worth celebrating for all those who love pie, or at least something like pie," Grantham said.

Lavbree Adams



"Pi Day is 3.14, which means it is held on March 14," Shruti Sharma (12) said



Brittany Grantham (12) eats a piece of a cookie pie during her calculus class' Pi Day. "I stuffed my face with a cookie pie, and I took pictures of people spraying each other with whipped cream," Grantham said.

students' love-hate relationship with mathematics

in the open



"I like math because my teacher this year is new, and she makes things interesting to learn."

Jillian Jones (9)



"I like math because I can understand it easily, and I have a really good teacher this year, Miss [Lindsay] Gora."

Courtney Leonard (9)

"What I don't like about math class is the fact that I don't always understand what's going on."

Kaitlyn Thompson (9)



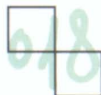
"I don't like math because it is too complicated, and we don't even need most of it."

Christina Flores (12)



"Math is hard if you don't pay attention," Laura VanCuren (10) said.

"Proofs are hard, but I like geometry better than algebra," Cynthia Dominguez (10) said.



mathematics

calculators: how much do students really use them?



Lily Miller (12)



Krystal McLaughlin (12)

No matter what math class we take, whether we are in honors, AP or a regular class there is one thing we all have in common: we all use calculators.

Some of us love them.

"I use my calculator like every day. I use it for all of my tests," Krystal McLaughlin (12) said.

Some of us hate them.

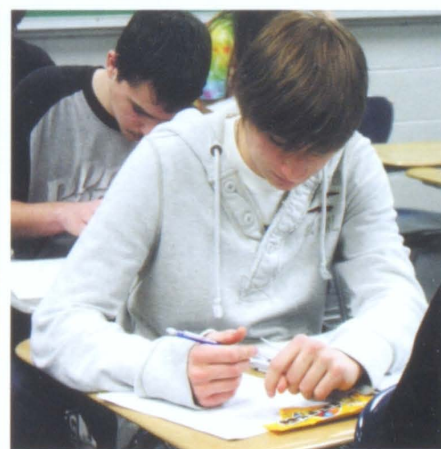
"Considering the fact that I rarely make statements in statistics class, I don't use my calculator that much. That makes me happy because I hate my calculator," Lily Miller (12) said.

From the smartest of us to the not so intelligent, we are all bound together by the majestic wonders of the calculator.



Justin Haviar (12) puts whipped cream in Devin (Brock) Sanders' (12) hair during their Pi Day party in their calculus class. "When Justin put whipped cream on Brock's hair. It was pretty funny," Sergio Haro (12) said.

Brooke Corley (10) works on her homework during her geometry class. Most students agree that proofs are the most difficult part of geometry.



Mrs. Angela Ohlenkamp, Mathematics, grades papers during class. Ohlenkamp just had her first child, Thomas James, on October 31, Halloween.

Lucas Panfil (11) does his homework while eating M&M's in his math class. Mr. Joe Fox, Mathematics, also used M&M's to demonstrate probability amounts in AP Statistics.

Science

Amanda Crose (12) and Kelsey Chapranda (12) dissect a sheep's brain in Mrs. Nancy Hoban's anatomy class. The students also took part in dissections of a rat and a fetal pig. John Mick (12) looks at a sample for his experiment in environmental science. Each student in the class had to go to the swamp land at school to find something to design a lab on.



students' in love-hate relationships

inner thoughts about science



"I don't really like science because the only class that really interests me is auto."

Jessica Gagliorek (11)

"I really like my chemistry class because Mrs. [Roberta] Harnish makes it really fun. Plus a lot of my friends are in that class."



Rachel Gviden (11)

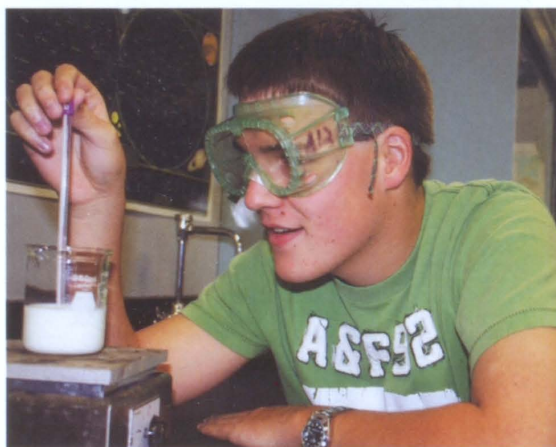


"Science isn't exactly my best subject, but I've been lucky to have really good teachers the last three years"

Natasa Drageljevic (11)

"I really like science because I've actually done pretty well in science the past couple of years. I like learning about the environment 'cause it's important."

Stephanie Crowley (10)



Wearing protective eye goggles, Shawn Beach (9) reads a thermometer during an integrated chemistry and physics class. A lab is expected almost every day in this freshman class.



"Mr. [Al] Angel is really cool because he's nice and he understands you," Robert Pucik (9) said.

in for the experience

labs, popular teachers spark interest

Learning how to understand obscure theories, reading about old dead guys and calculating weird equations are probably the most common things of the high school science experience. Sometimes, however, we have those special days in class when we break out the lab goggles and aprons and prepare for some hands on science.

"I think if you can actually experience what you are learning about, you can understand the information better," Kimberly Estry (10) said.

Experience is what it's all about. Reading through the books and doing worksheets may be an essential part of any science class, but too much of this expected routine may wind up with our heads hitting the desks. We can only sit still for so long. So when it's time to get up and put our scientist thinking caps on, things can get a little out of control.

"Last year in biology, my lab partner cut his hand really bad on the eye dropper. He's pretty stupid, and I laughed at him," Matthew Sharp (11) said.

Safety is usually the top priority on teachers' minds and not the student's, but things can go wrong. Whether on accident or on purpose, these mistakes are what make those required classes stick out in our minds.

"I lit a q-tip on fire. That was awesome," Colin Hoernig (11) said.

Fire is usually the most fascinating part of science for students, but other aspects of the field also catch students' interest.

"We did a genetics lab, and our teacher partnered us up boy girl, boy girl, and we flipped pennies to see what our child would look like. Our girl had a square face, ear hair, a cleft chin and a large nose. It was definitely the best lab I ever did," Estry said.

If it's not the alcohol burners and test tubes that keep one coming back to class, the teachers surely will.

"Even though he almost killed me, Mr. [Kendal] Smith [is my favorite teacher]. He really, really likes chemistry and is dedicated to his job and the students," Sharp said.

For new teachers, their new job may be extra hard because of the excited students' antics during regular activities.

"Mrs. [Rachel] Thomas is awesome. At first I thought she wasn't going to be a good teacher because she's new, but she is actually a good teacher," Hoernig said.

Whether it be learning how your future children will look or getting used to a new teacher, science is one class students truly won't be falling asleep in any time soon.

the editors



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Tiffany Kobak (11) uses the eyedropper in a lab in Ms. Stephanie Prescia's Chemistry Honors class. "Chemistry can be tough at times, but I always look forward to the labs," Kobak said.

James Clarke (12) chooses which "molecular atoms" to use during a chemistry lab. The students were learning how to do ionic and covalent bonds.

into the medical profession

"I want to be a psychiatrist because I give really good advice, and when people actually take my advice, they end up feeling better. I also hope to, someday, open my own practice in the city and help people,"

Keanna Thompson (11)



"I've wanted to be a dentist ever since I started going at the age of four. I want to be one because I would love to visit a third world country

and give those kids a reason to smile."

Erin Kramer (11)

students share their thoughts on english class



"Senior year Practical Writing with Mr. [Christopher] Engel [is my favorite]. Mr. Engel knows how to teach a class and make it fun."

Ashley Fisher (12)



"I didn't like English because we changed subjects too much. We went from like writing to vocab too often."

Jake Muzaghe (9)



"Writing [the term paper] was the worst part. I got nervous. I didn't want to do it wrong."

Morgan Muir (9)

"I didn't like senior English because it was such a step forward and too much work."

Jennifer Downs (12)



"I like the challenge. I don't like the huge homework load. [AP English] was a definite jump in difficulty, but you get used to it."

Megan Kurze (11)



"Being in honors last year was basically just reading and worksheets. Mrs. [Penny] Tokoly goes more in depth into the mechanics of the story."

Matthew Jozierski (11)

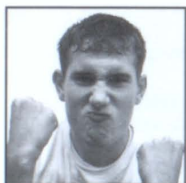


in the pressure

students can't escape from term papers

It's 8:45. The library is closing in fifteen minutes. Those mandatory six sources aren't going to find themselves, and they're due next week. Between running to and from basketball practice and catching up on the latest episode of "Grey's Anatomy," finishing all this research, let alone putting it all together to come up with a final product, isn't even crossing the brain waves. This feeling is rare and only comes once a year. These worries can only mean one thing: term paper time.

"[Term papers are] a waste of my time, like I'm learning stuff, but they require too much information," Natasha Heacock (10) said.



"It helps instill a sense of responsibility," Adam Karcz (10) said.

Even though topics can range from someone as interesting as John Lennon, most students share the same feeling about these dreadful assignments. From researching your topic to citing sources, term papers are a like the fruitcake at Christmas that everyone knows exists, but hates to acknowledge.

"I have never done a subject that made me go 'I want to work on my paper today'," Seth-Lee Basler (10) said.

With all the research done, now what? Note cards numbered with sources and the bits of information that become the building blocks of this colossus paper begin to clutter the desk. The sweat begins to bead up as the realization of one more weekend to finish hits.

"I never stay up to work on it. I prefer early in the morning because that's when my creative juices are flowing," Adam Karcz (10) said.

So once this big burden is pulled together, the moment it is turned in, is a moment that brings a great feeling.

"I feel like finally I got [the term paper] done, no more major work," Basler said.

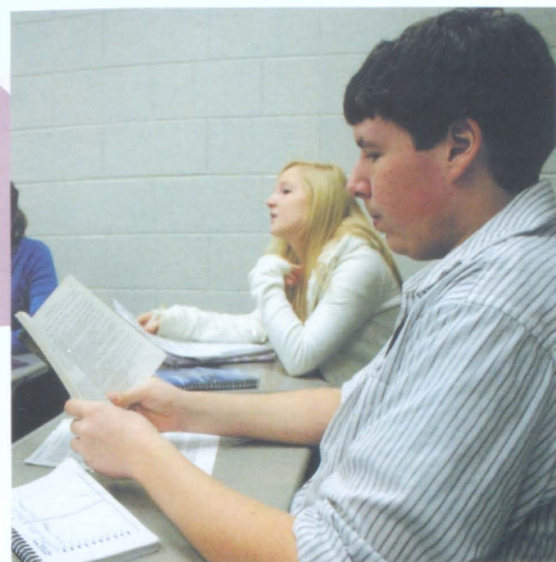
Although term papers are dreadful, there is always that one teacher that can make one see the silver lining.

"Definitely Mr. Svetanoff [gives the best term papers] because it gives us the opportunities to read some of the greatest works of literature and understand why they're so acclaimed," Karcz said. "It helps instill a sense of responsibility and that it's the real deal because in college there's no room for mistakes; so it definitely helps."

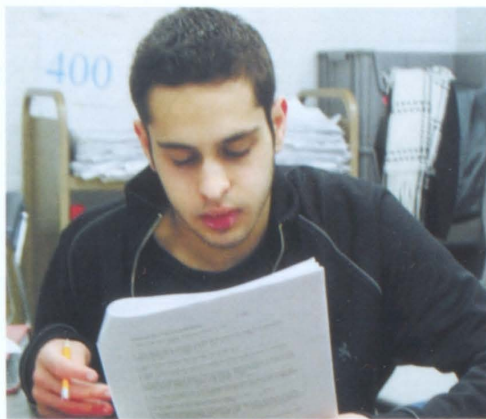
Tara McElmurry



"Mrs. [Penny] Tokoly is very inspiring. She makes learning fun," Avalon Snell (11) said.



Nicholas West (11) and Alyssa Ford (11) work with their AP English group during SRT. They had to film or act out a scene in front of the class from the book *The Turn of the Screw*.



John Roumpakis (11) looks over the Transcendentalism study guide. Roumpakis was preparing for a review game that Ms. Kathryn Hoover prepared to have her students study for the upcoming test.



Mrs. Penny Tokoly helps Rachel Cerwinske (11), Kaleigh Fetcko (11) and Leah Cerwinskie during SRT. The girls were preparing for their upcoming project and test over the book *The Turn of the Screw* by Henry James.

Samantha Gindl (10) and Michelle Sweeney (10) relax on a bench in the Crystal Gardens at Navy Pier. The girls were on the annual merit class field trip to the Shakespeare theatre. They saw "Romeo and Juliet."

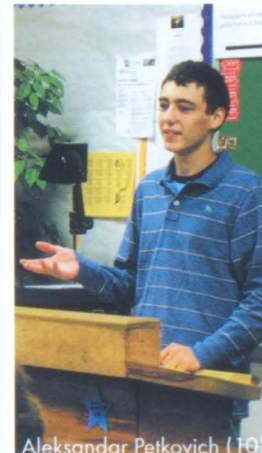
speech class

how do you calm your nerves?

"My band teacher in middle school taught me how to put my hand over my belly button and just breathe. It works. It helps,"
Jessica Matys (10) said.



"I usually go over my speech before class, and I think that I have friends in the class who have to do the same thing."
Brandon Holmes (10) said.



Aleksandar Petkovich (10)

a summer in France

student spends summer abroad

It's your junior year. You have a summer separating you from the high school dream of being a senior. There's probably a book of plans to head to the beach, parties, fairs, Chicago and Six Flags that you've had in mind since January, but the Indiana University Honors Program, the one that takes you to France for a month and a half, might have slipped your mind.

"Ever since elementary school I've wanted to take the [French] language, and when my French teacher told me about the opportunities, I knew that I definitely wanted to go," Melanie Handlon (11) said.

First, Handlon had to take a test that would determine her overall knowledge of the language. After she passed the test, she had to fill out a large application and send it in. After her application was accepted she had an interview in French with Jacqueline Danner, the head of the program. Along with Handlon, Alexander Masleid (11) passed the qualifications and will study abroad also.

"I'm very excited to study in France. I'm not nervous yet. My parents are also very excited for me," Masleid said.

Last year, Cecily Barajas (12) and Alexa Schutz (12) were chosen to travel to France through the same program. Hopefully by next year, students will start to make this trend a tradition and every year more students will be involved in the program. The program also offers exchange student trips to Mexico.

"Last year was the first year the school had two students apply for the program. This year we also have two more students that applied. It is a great benefit for the students that participate in it," Mrs. Nancy Tilka said.

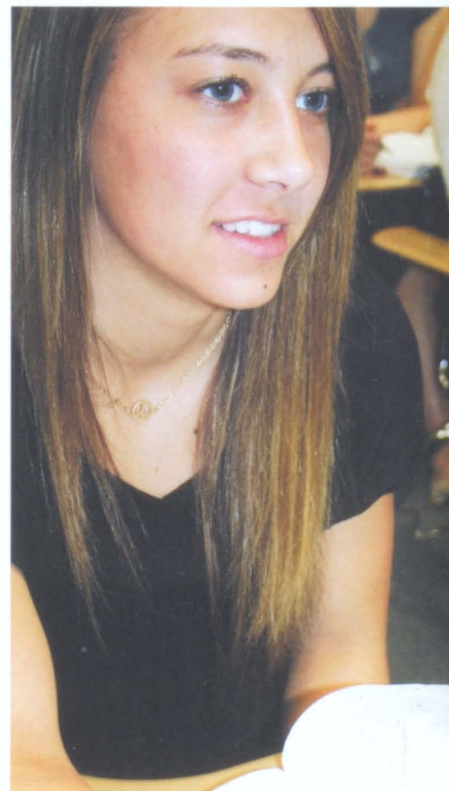
"I'm most excited about the last week that we are going to be spending in Paris, and basically being able to speak the language 'to a T,'" Handlon said. "I'm upset

I'm going to miss out on all the fairs and being able to call up my friends if I'm bored and wanted to hang out. I can't speak any English, and when I get there I can only call my family once a week for an hour. I'm a little nervous I'm going to be living in a foreign country with a family I've never met before, but the opportunity is once in a life time, and it's going to be awesome to live and adapt to a completely different culture."

Stephanie Tarrant & Jenna Noel

"I'm very excited to study in France, I'm not nervous yet."

Alexander Masleid (11) said.



the big 3

"I am in German I. I already know Serbian, so it is easy to learn a new language," Nikola Petkovich (9) said.



"This is my fourth year in Spanish, and I'm finally able to understand a lot without looking in a dictionary," Bailey McFarland (12) said.



"I am in French I this year. It's actually really fun to be in a freshman class," Elizabeth Trichak (11) said.



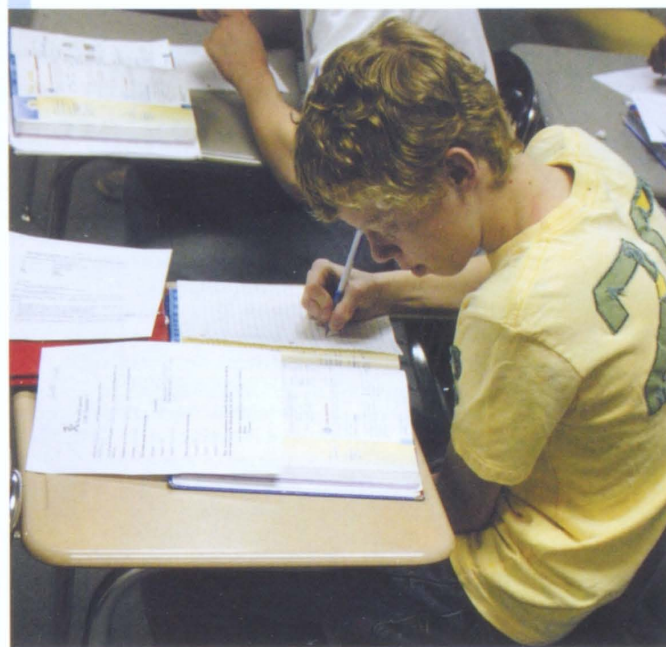
"German and Germany is a pretty amazing language and country," Kyle Scheffel (11) said.

"I like German class because I really enjoy the German accents," Neil Koricanic (11) said.



Mrs. Leslie Iwema's German I class students strike a pose after they have their class fashion show. Students wore different costumes and had to describe what they were wearing to the class in German.

Justin Shields (9) works on book work during German I. The class practiced verbs that day by doing worksheets and exercises out of the book.



Megan Krutz (11) and Kristine Mulligan (10) use an exercise to help prepare them for their next French II quiz. Workbooks and journals were often used in French classes for extra practice of the language.

Gianna Mirabelli (11) listens in on a lecture in her Spanish IV class. Mirabelli was one of the few juniors in a fourth year language class because she took her first year in middle school.

students' dream languages

in their opinion



"I would like it if the school offered Sign Language, so that I don't have to speak, I would just have to use my hands."

Timothy Shanks (11)

"I'd choose German because I want to go to Germany to see the different culture there."

Catherine Shaw (9)



"I'd take Korean because I'm Korean, and I don't know how to speak it. More people should know how to speak it because it is one of the best languages."

Andrew Blink (12)

"I wish the school taught Serbian, so I can understand what people are saying behind my back."

Kevin Bridgroom (10)



econo

in the "FAC'S" of life

students learn how to manage their lives

Home economics. Definition? The housewife's dream.

Every year around scheduling time, we are faced with what classes we can take to help our careers. So which classes can help you raise a family? F.A.C.S, or the department of Family and Consumer Science, may be the answer.

"This is my first year in sewing, but I aide for Ms. [Chris] Bruns, and I come in every SRT to work on projects," Linda Sapp (12) said.

Some of these classes can make the students feel like they're prepared for the home life after high school and college, when they'll be ready to raise a family of their own.

"At home I'll be able to cook for my husband and feed my children. I always loved making food, and now I can be creative and make all different kinds of food," Sapp said.

Contrary to popular belief, home ec. classes aren't only for the women of the household.

"I took cooking because I like food, a lot, but washing dishes really sucks," Joseph Shaughnessy (12) said.

Sometimes these classes will just end up being an extra lunch with no expectation of holding a career in the subject.

"I like to eat and cook, but I wouldn't want career in food," Stefanie Gresham (12) said.

There are some students who wish to enhance their skills as a chef or a seamstress.

"I want to be a really good chef when I get older," Bridgette Ziolkowski (12) said.

According to home ec.. students, there were no distinguished favorites between the sewing and cooking students.

"Both Mrs. [Kathy] Szeziw and Ms. [Chris] Brun's classes are fun. It's hard to pick a favorite because you can be creative in both classes," Elizabeth Santos (12) said.

Taking these classes as seniors can be a break from the long four years of preparing for graduation and the long years that lie after high school.

"I'm glad I took sewing my senior year. Even though I am always working, it is very relaxing," Sapp said.

stephanie costa & melanie handlon



"I'm glad I took sewing my senior year," Linda Sapp (12) said.



BreAnna Holmes (9) irons a piece of fabric protected by an ironing cloth while in Sewing I. Ironing cloths were often used to ensure the protection of the fabric.

sewing vs. cooking

in favor of



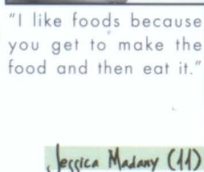
"I like foods because you get to cook food in there."

Jessica Coffrell (12)



"I like to be creative, so I like sewing better than foods."

Elizabeth Santos (12)



"I like foods because you get to make the food and then eat it."

Jessica Madany (11)



"I hate when people in your cooking group put a quarter cup of pepper in the soup instead of a quarter tablespoon."

Jennifer Serafin (12)



"I feel that one day I will be a terrific mother and housewife due to the responsibilities I took on to take care of my plastic child," Elizabeth Trichak

mics

rumor has it

"Adult Roles is only a blowoff class."

the truth

"A lot of people think it's a blow-off class but it's fun and you get to plan your own wedding or business,"

Brittani Rendell (12) said.

"You learn how to balance a check-book and other useful things," **Amber Maguire (12)** said.

"All you do is learn how to plan a wedding"

the truth

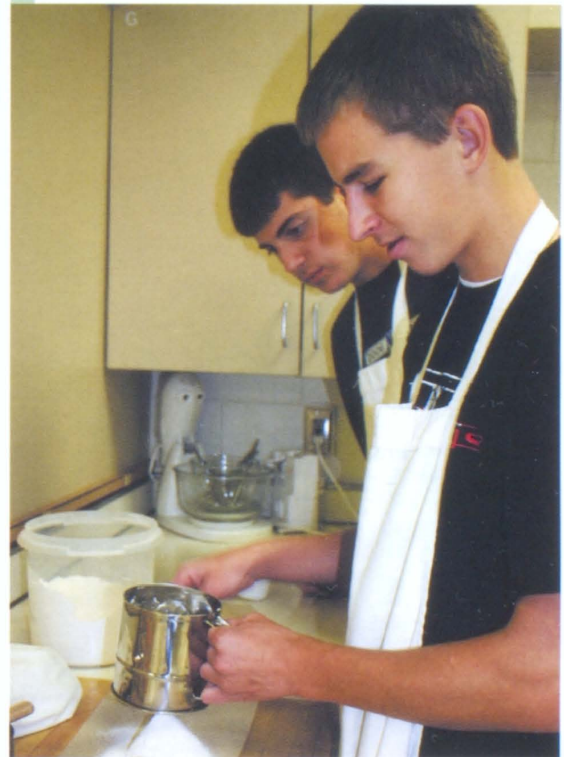
"You plan your own wedding and everything about it, down to picking your flowers to what you say in your vows," **Rachel Heldt (11)** said.

"You can learn a lot from Mrs. [Kim] Modrowski," **Harry Blondin (12)** said.



Elizabeth Santos (12) feeds one of the computer babies in child development. The fake babies were handed to students to experience parenthood firsthand.

Dylan Strohl (11) and James Wangercyn (10) sift the flour in Foods I. The flour was sifted for chunks prior to being put in the recipe for the muffins the class was making.



Nermie Heuss (12), Elio Zomcarparelli (11) and Aleksandra Marinkovich (11) mix batter in seventh hour foods. The class made mini-pies that day.

Brittany Daliege (9) finishes up her project in Sewing I. The Sewing I classes were required to make three projects per semester.

vocation

Michael Walker (10) works on a print shop project. "It's fun being in print shop, you get a lot of freedom to do what you want," Michael Walker said.



Jarrett Stickle (10) works on his cutting board project in wood shop. "I like to use saws during woodshop because it makes me feel like a man," Stickle (10) said.



Andrew Siple (11) designs a beach resort in drafting. "I use drafting to explore architectural design and to pursue my career as an architect," Siple (11) said.



Paul Galvin (11), hammers a project in wood shop. Mr. Doug Burns is the teacher of wood shop, and one popular project is making boards for the bean bag toss game.

9 steps to make a book rack

1. Cut stock to length 22"
2. Cut to width 2" x 22"
3. Cut end 2" x 5"
4. Cut sides 7.5 x 7.5
5. Glue up bottom & back braces
6. Sand & router all edges
7. Dado sides & bottom braces
8. Assemble all parts
9. Sand finished project



opinions on vocational classes

insights



"It's a good class for people who want to learn to build things. If you don't know anything about wood working it helps you a lot."

Sean Ryan (11)



"It sucks that I have to do pushups all the time. Mr. [Jereme] Rainwater makes me do them because I cuss too much."

William Venturolli (10)



"Drafting is a fun sport. If you like cooking pancakes, don't take this class. We make houses not pancakes."

Stephen Schindler (12)

"I am taking this class because it is a lot of fun. Plus I've always wanted to be a lumberjack."

Michael Dugan (10)



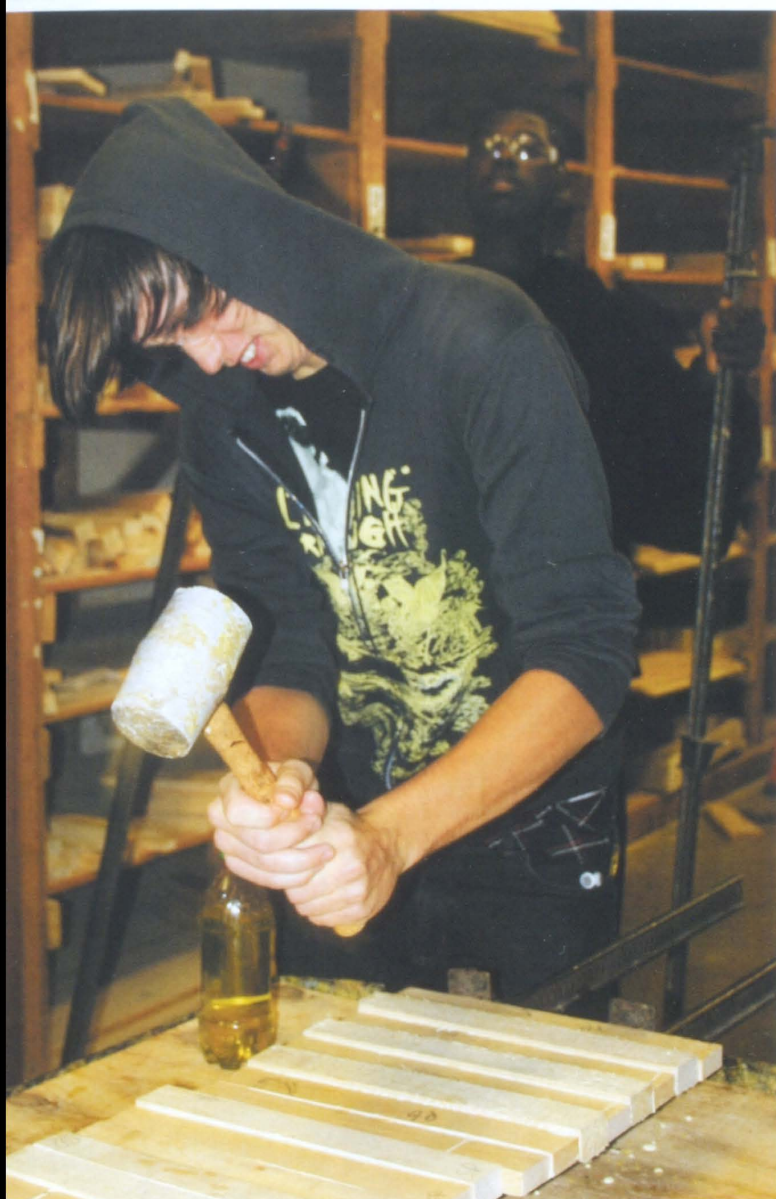
"'Print like a champion today' is one of our sayings. [Michael] Barry (12) made it up, and we all started saying it after that."

Cady Gillegrie (10)



"Drafting class is a mix of doing technical, mechanical drawings and architecture. The class teaches you how to design buildings."

Matthew Serek (11)



out of the box students get creative

Students fill their schedules with math, English and science classes at the beginning of every year. But classes like woodshop, printshop and drafting allow students to step outside the boundaries of academic classes and have a little more fun.

These classes are called vocational classes, and are there for any student to take during their four years of high school.

"I like the creative aspect of drafting. We get to design things that let us think outside of the box," Lacey Carlson (12) said.

Drafting is a class so many people look past, and people don't usually know what goes on in it.

"Drafting has to do with designing things, like buildings on computers. As Freshmen, you build like a lakehouse and a suburban house. I'm in Drafting II, and we're designing a dorm," Carlson (12) said.

On the other hand, Mr. [Jereme] Rainwater's printshop class deals with printing presses and working with machines.

"[In printshop], I run a printing press. We sometimes make the school newspaper, detention slips and other things," Matthew Slawson (12) said.

In these classes, students have more freedom to do what they want, and the schedule varies everyday.

"In woodshop, we get more freedom. We get a project, and it's our job to finish it. But we get to work on our own time and our own schedule," Mitchell Peters (10) said.

Not only do students get freedom to control their own classroom environment, and make projects that will last forever, they often spend more than one class a day with friends, making lasting memories.

"During the summer, I worked at the printshop, and some kid literally spilled ink all over himself. He was shocked, and Rainwater and I stood there laughing, then his eyes started to burn," Slawson (12) said.

However, although vocational classes are fun, they aren't purely easy classes, and they can headstart almost any student's career.

Jessica Thomas & Tiffany Pavlovic



"In Woodshop, we get more freedom," Mitchell Peters (10) said.

Journalism

in decision: photo vs. introjournalism

starting off



"Wady is really fun and outgoing and makes photo really interesting. You get a lot out of the class because you learn how to use Photoshop."

Blake Early (10)



"It's one of those classes that helps you prepare to get ready if you want to get into a journalism field. It's a lot of work, but a very fun class."

Brian Rodriguez (9)

"Photo is really fun and a lot more challenging than I thought it would be, but it is really fun to learn about different effects of the camera."

Lisa Zandy (10)



"It's not too hard. It's pretty easy, you just have to keep up with all the notes and InDesign. VP makes it fun and we're always laughing."

Julie Holme (9)



Ellyssa Eveland (12) pours coffee in the famous Scout coffee room. "I'll never forget its intellectually stimulating conversations, and it will live on in my heart forever," said Eveland.

Brittany Krstulovich (10) and Jessica Moore (10) are recorded for LCTV's Halloween segment. "LCTV keeps everyone entertained, and I enjoy watching it," Moore said.

Brittany Krstulovich (10), Jessica Moore (10), Jillian Sanders (10), Valerie Hill (10) and Michael Osbourn (10) watch their Halloween segment for LCTV. "The video production was fun and you never know how your recording will turn out," Hill (10) said.

Frank Ruvoli (11) edits wrestling footage for an LCTV segment. "I enjoy being on LCTV. It's fun for the whole family," Ruvoli said.



Mrs. Sarah Verpooten, English, and Katherine Hanyzewski (12) carry Ms. Carrie Wadycki, English, away from her beloved couch. "It's my couch," Ms. Wadycki said.



Marina Mulutinovic (10), Brittany Gadus (10) and Emily DeMario (10) take pictures outside during their 1st hour photo class. The girls were taking action photos to experiment with their different camera settings.

"I like to take photo because the teachers are awesome," Lesley Alvarez (11) said.

"I like photo because I like photography, and you can learn a lot," Adriel Hoogeveen (10) said

in the couch war

scout versus quiver

You would think that having two conjoining classrooms who are affiliated within the same department would not have as big of a rivalry as Scout and Quiver do. But, it all started when the members of Scout decided they wanted the couch in the Quiver room.

"Technically the couch does belong to Wad, but she gave it to us. Since we have grown to love it, we won't give it back without a fight," Samantha Maloney (11) said.

The first offense occurred when Matthew Cashen (11), Michael Peddycord (11), Joseph O'Rourke (11) and Austin Meyer (11) planned to steal the couch over Christmas break.

"We tried hiding it in a little side room inside of the Scout room, and then Quiver stole it back," Cashen said.

The couch kept disappearing and reappearing between the Scout and Quiver rooms.

One day, Scout attempted a mischievous plan. Cashen, O'Rourke, Peddycord and Meyer took the couch out of the Quiver room. Not only did they take it, but they put a chain around the couch and locked it onto a pole. After, they stuck chewed up bubble gum pieces onto the lock for added security.

Quiver figured the couch wasn't coming back considering the chains that were around it, but Morgan Goldsmith (11) and Maloney thought otherwise.

"Morgan and I walked into the Scout room to get something from the printer. That's when we saw the couch. We decided we would try and untangle the chain. We then noticed the chain wasn't even locked; there was bubble gum around the lock. I decided that I would sacrifice myself for the good of all in Quiver and peeled the gum off chunk by chunk. Chris [Einterz (11)], Morgan and I shoved it through the tape room that connects Quiver and Scout and celebrated our victory," Maloney said.

Quiver room was enjoying the couch when Miss Carrie Wadycki barged through everyone and everything in her way to claim her couch back.

"She started to attack us and throw her body on the couch; it was VP [Mrs. Sarah Verpooten] and her seventh hour class against Wad," Vivien Schremp (10) said.

Ms. Wadycki put up a fight for what used to be her grandmother's sixty-year-old couch. Cashen stole the cushions and stored one of them in the trunk of his car for about two weeks until he brought them back.

"We have yet to sign a treaty for the couch, so as far as we know the war is still going on because we have future plans," Cashen says.

Lindsey Janiga & Amanda Welch



"She started to attack us and throw her body on the couch," Vivien Schremp (11) said.



doin' the do

public relations girls strut their stuff



Brooke Bushong (12)



Sophia Bairaktaris (12)



Angela Youngs (12)



Raquel Williams (11)

It's a common site to see dressed-up boys walking around in Dunhill's Tuxedo's to advertise them for school dances such as prom and winter formal. But for a change, the public relations class

had a few girls get their hair styled to represent Eden's Hair Salon, which is located across from the school. Brooke Bushong (12), Sophia Bairaktaris (12), Angela Youngs (12) and Raquel Williams

(11) showed off their up-do's all day during school while wearing the Eden Salon t-shirt. The representatives also handed out coupons to fellow students for ten dollars off their first appointment.



"It's strange that we study groups in a sociology classroom, instead of outside where groups are," Kaitlyn Golich (12) said.

in your right mind students dive into behavioral studies

Imagine going to school to learn more than just your typical class work. Imagine learning about modern society and why we are the way we are. Or imagine learning about the functions of the human mind and what happens in your brain when different thoughts and reflexes are triggered.

Many students make this choice every year. They choose to try something a little different to spice up their day - the social studies of psychology and sociology. Students have a variety of different reasons for taking these interesting electives.



"Who doesn't want to know how their brain works?" Kayla Greenwell (10) said.

"My sister [Laura Barnoski '07], who graduated last year, really enjoyed the classes, and I thought it would be interesting," Brittany Barnoski (10), a psychology and sociology student, said.

Other students have had a long-lasting interest in the subjects.

"I have always been interested in psychology," Kayla Greenwell (10), a psychology student, said. "It's the only interesting science. Who doesn't want to know how their brain works?"

The typical sociology or psychology class consists of notes on the "case study," examples of the case study, activities and class discussions. Sometimes these classes are supplemented with some other extra activities, like a field trip to Westfield Shopping Town in the case of sociology students, a test for "super tasters" and a drunk goggle test, for the AP psychology students.

"My favorite activity was definitely the mask project in psychology," Barnoski said.

However, it's not always fun and games. Some found other, darker aspects of the class to be just as intriguing as the fun, lighter activities.

"Learning about mental illnesses was my favorite," Greenwell said. "It's a depressing topic, but they're so strange."

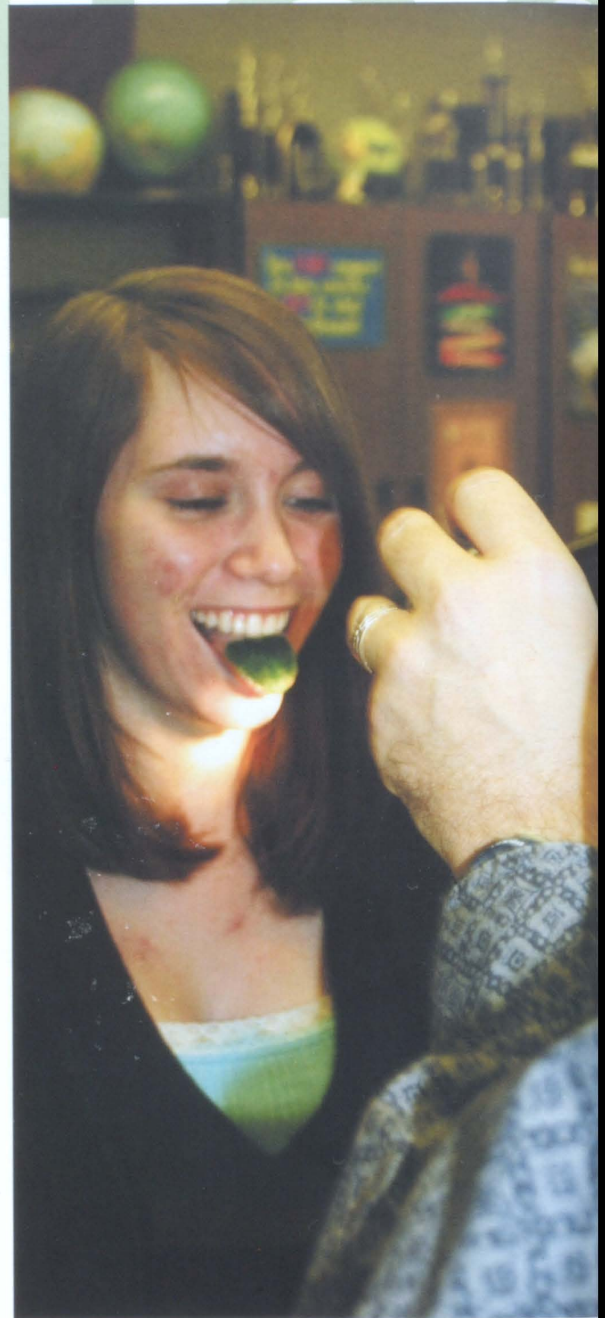
When the class is finished and done with, many students will look back on the class and remember all the interesting things they learned - or maybe some other stuff that happened on the side of learning about our minds.

"I'll remember sitting in the back with all my friends and Mr. [Ralph] Holden. He is the man," Joseph Miles (11) said.

All in all, the class proves itself to be worth it to the students who take it and not just an ordinary class.

"It's a fun, interesting class," Barnoski said, "and it should be required."

Emily Hogg & Lana Kaptur



Kristy Swets (11) looks at some old Civil War medals in her U.S. History class with Mr. Brian Szalonek. Szalonek's U.S. History class spent a day looking at the clothing and artifacts from the Civil War.

"Psychology with Ms. [Rebecca] Junokas is great. She sprayed a water bottle at someone once," Daina Dangerfield (10) said.

defining sociology & psychology

sociology:

definition: "the study of the origin, development, organization and functioning of human society."



Alyssa Goss and Amandalynne (11)

activities: field trip to Westfield Shopping town, notetaking

teachers: Ms. Rachel Mishoulam and Mrs. Teresa Zentz

AP offered?: No

psychology:

definition: "the science of the mind or of mental states and processes."

activities: mask-making, "drunk" goggles (AP), acting out case studies.

teachers: Mr. Ralph Holden, Ms. Rebecca Junokas and Mrs. Teresa Zentz

AP offered?: Yes



Jennifer Kalleh and Mr. Ralph Holden

Krystal Silva (12) opens her mouth while Mr. [Ralph] Holden examines her tongue. This was part of a "super taster" test done during AP Psychology.

Nicholas Miljevic (11) "proposes" to Magdalene Huff (11) during U.S. History Honors. The boys in the classes got to dress up in authentic Civil War uniforms, while the girls wore dresses that the soldiers' wives would wear.



psychology vs. sociology

in contrast



"Psychology with Mr. [Ralph] Holden. He made the class interesting. His projects were fun to do, and his method of teaching was really good and he cared what his students thought."

Kelly Marone (12)

"Psychology with Mrs. [Kristina] Ochman because she was a fun teacher. I liked doing the psychology masks and the way she taught."

Kelli Richwalczki (12)



"AP Psychology with Mr. [Ralph] Holden. It was more fast paced and more of a challenge. The class taught me a lot and will prepare me for college."

Colleen McLafyre (12)

"I liked AP Psychology with Mr. [Ralph] Holden. It is a whole year class, and it's more detailed and you get more information out of it."

Sarah Shields (12)



"I like psych with Mrs. [Teresa] Zentz better because it's the study of an individual and you can apply the things you learn to yourself."

Jessica Clemens (10)

"I like both of them. They're both fun and interesting classes. You learn a lot, and they're fun classes to sit in."

Katherine Krull (10)



Ms. Rachel Mishoulam asks her students about the current standards of beauty. The class then watched a video on female bodybuilders.

"[What I liked most about P.E was] going outside every day in the summer," Matthew Miller (10) said.

in the gym

students talk about the new gym



"It's really nice and has everything you need to get huge."

George Sybek (10)

"I enjoy all the free space and the opportunity to get 'swoll' with Brandon Byrd (10)."



Jacob Gibbons (10)



"It was a huge improvement over the old one. It now gives a better opportunity to train to more students and gives them a broad selection"

Roberto Acosta (11)

"The ladies like guys with muscles and [Mr. Marc] Urban gave me Student of the Month."



Michael Robinson (10)

Mrs. Kim Freeman, Physical Education, shows Randi Kass (9), Anthony Sorensen (9), Michael Abdulqader (9) and Nicholas Niezabitowski (9) what basketball teams will be playing each other. Along with basketball, the students played volleyball, handball, ultimate frisbee and dodegball.

Elio Zomparelli (11) plays ping pong in his Leisure Time Sports class. "Ever since I saw 'Balls of Fury,' I was hooked on ping-pong," Zomparelli said.



"[What I like most about P.E is] being active and playing my favorite sports," Samantha Terry (9) said.

getting involved

teachers interact

Physical Education can be a dreaded class for many students. However, some students are lucky enough to have teachers that take gym to the next level and make class ninety minutes of fun. Most teachers prefer to just stand around and watch their students, but some like to get into the game.

"I had Mr. [Marc] Urban, and he was so funny and really into the games, that really motivated me," Lauren Ashenbrenner (9) said. "Mr. Urban took us golfing, it was really fun when he played too."

Mr. Urban gets involved. He always includes himself in the games his students play and believes that playing with the students will help them perform better in class activities than they normally would.

Mr. Urban is not the only teacher that seems to take into account what the students look for in a P.E. class.

"I think Mrs. [Kim] Freeman's class is very relaxing. It's a nice break from the academic part of school," Brittany Jones (9) said.

Mrs. Freeman understands that not everyone is on the same physical level, and she challenges her students according to their physical limitations. Although some students are not challenged as much as others, Mrs. Freeman pushes all of her students to achieve their utmost physical potential.

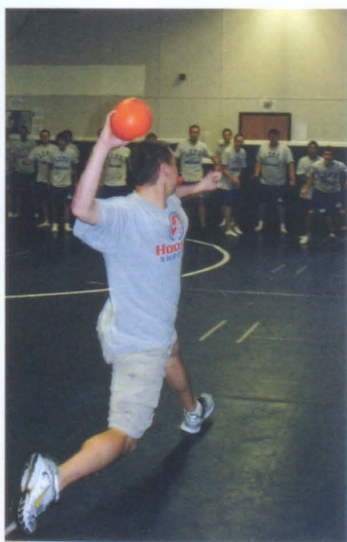
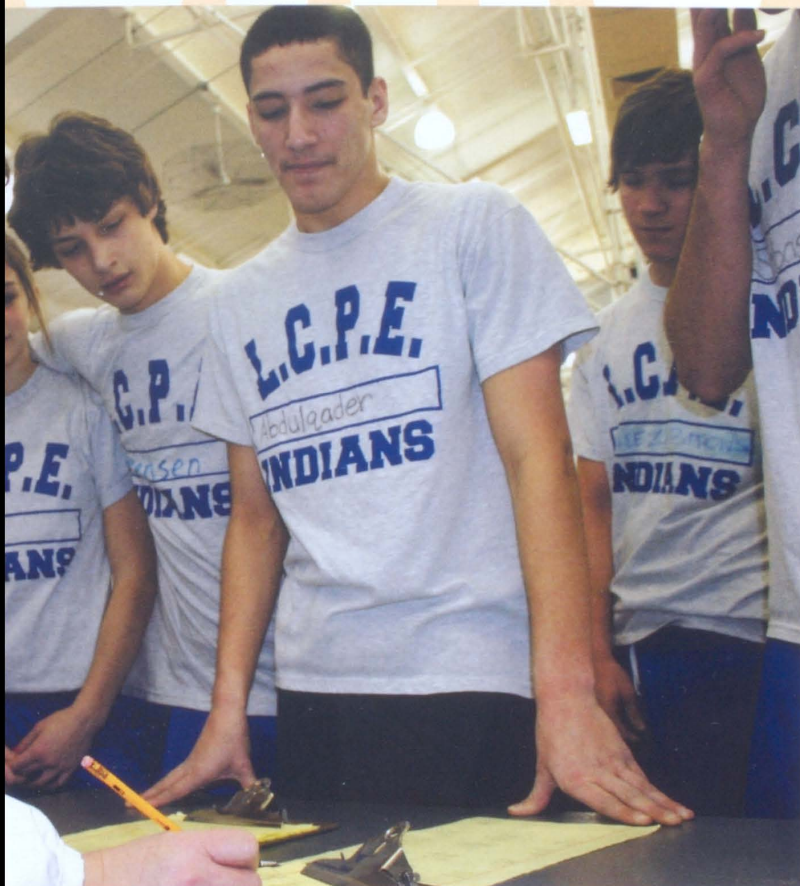
"I liked how Mrs. Freeman would demonstrate how to play new games or the sports we played," Daniel Jessup (9) said.

These teachers have proven the fact that if they get involved in the game, their students' performances improves. Both Mrs. Freeman and Mr. Urban have adopted this philosophy, and it shows in the types of athletes that have come out of their physical education classes.

Katy Bastie & Stephanie Slevnik



"It's a nice break from the academic part of school," Brittany Jones (9) said.



Mr. Marc Urban, Physical Education, aims at his leisure time sports class while playing dodgeball. "It always feels good dominating Mrs. [Karen] Arehart's class," Urban said.

First hour P.E. class plays a game of baseball inside. Mr. Urban's class played baseball with all the same rule, except they used a whiffle ball for safety purposes.

girls vs. boys

what does it take to get ready?



"First you have to take your shower. Then, you have to be as fast you can to get done with that or else sometimes they run out of towels. Then, you get to get dressed before the bell," Matthew Rivera (9) said.



"First, you have to get dressed after pool class. Second, you have to do your hair, [then], you have to do your make-up," Sarah Garcia (9) said.

business

marketing is popular choice among students

in the market



"I liked it because it got me ready to be a real business man. It taught me how to make money."

Nabil Liddawi (9)



"I took it because I decided to have some choices for college. Junior year I plan to take Accounting II."

Kristen Hearne (9)

"I liked the field trip to the mall. We shopped and looked for sales."

Aaron van Wyndell Ramos (9)



"I took the class because that's a part of business I'd like to pursue. I like to see how different products are marketed."

Nolan Mancera (10)



out of the classroom

new internships expand choices

Imagine being able to leave after the second hour of your day, every day, and head out to somewhere that will give you a head start on your career. This is exactly what the students involved in the new first-year internship programs get to do.

"I work at Pet Smart in customer service. We leave at 10:21 a.m. everyday," Eric Walker (12) said.

Leaving school early is only one perk in the internship, but the real benefits come from the experiences at the jobs.

"I work at Automation and Control Services. I help wire and build panels for automated welders and pumps. It helps you get a foot in the door of the real world, and I hope to pursue a job as an electrician," Kurt Baer Jr. (12) said.



"I saw a girl walk for the first time in her braces, and I helped her," Adriana Ackerman (12) said.

The internships and job choices are offered for a wide range and variety of careers, so almost everyone can choose the right track for themselves.

"I'm over at MIX Design. I pretty much just shadow all the designers, and I work on t-shirt designs. If you like anything that has to do with art and you're a creative person, then I'd definitely encourage graphic design," Jeffrey Olen (12) said.

The many denominations of design seem to be a popular field to go into with the interns.

"I do interior design at Windows by Claudia in Crown Point. I look for patterns, and I go to customers houses to decorate. I like to decorate and put things together. It's fun," Jessica Hunt (12) said.

Others choose to invest time in an interest they've been involved in prior to the program.

"I'm a ballroom dance teacher in Tinley Park and Schererville at the Fred Astaire dance studio. The best part of doing it is the diversity of people that I meet. It's a great way to see what's out there if you're looking for a job you want to know more information about," Lawrence Davy (12) said.

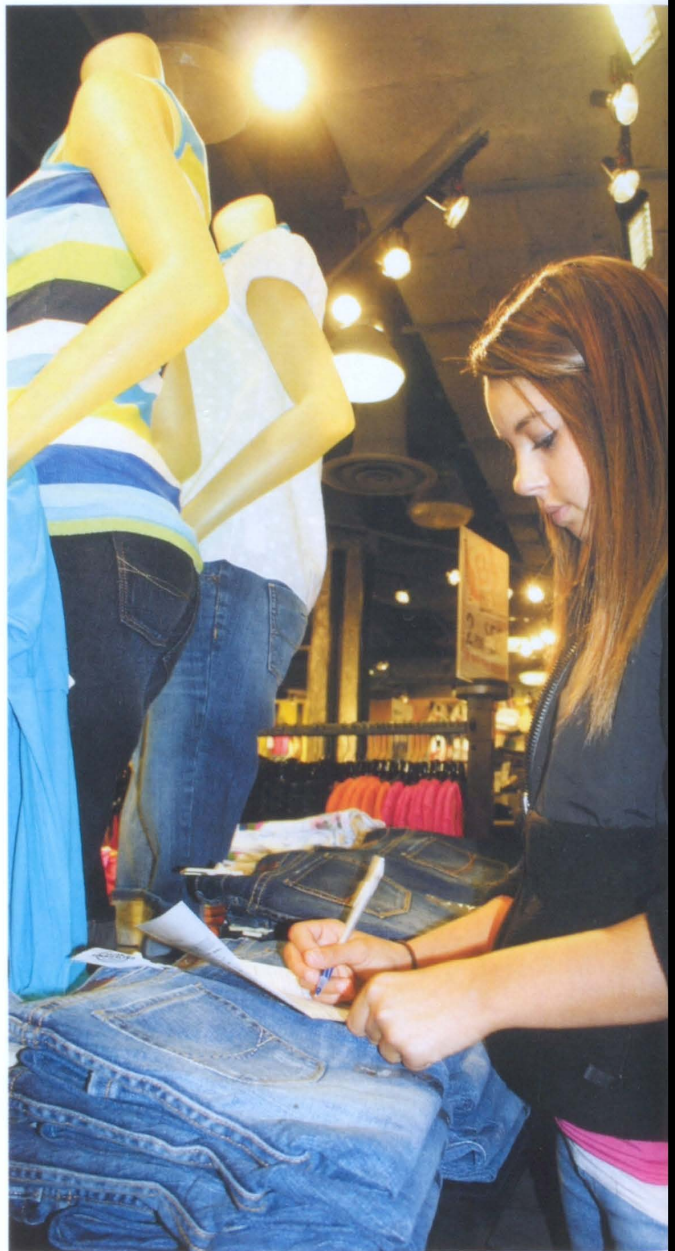
And some choices come from experiences from the interns past.

"I do physical therapy with kids who have physical and mental disabilities at St. Margaret's pediatrics center. Me being in dance all these years and having so many injuries made me have a personal prospective knowing how hard it is to get your strength back. I wanted to help people. It's a lot harder than it looks, but at the end it gets your foot in the door, and you get a good hands-on experience," Adriana Ackerman (12) said.

The payoff for these internships is not just measured by the working experience or even the credits these students receive.

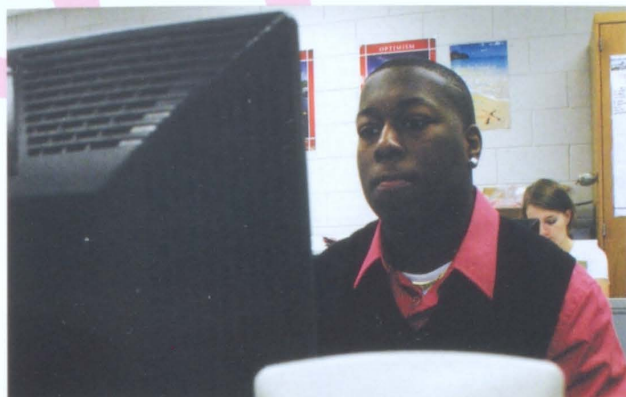
"I saw a girl walk for the first time in her braces, and I helped her and I motivated her. Knowing that my motivation and help makes the difference was the best part," Ackerman said.

Katie Haneyewski



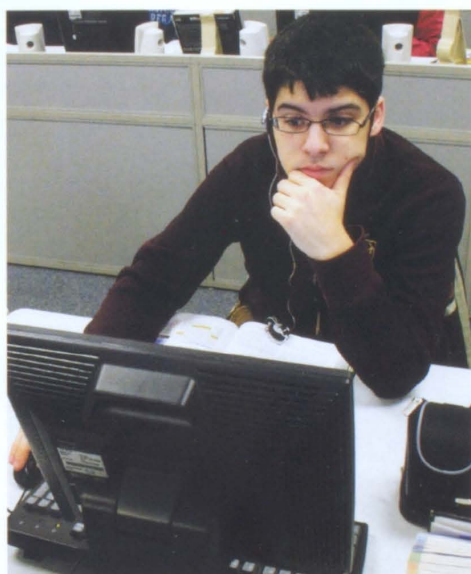
"We have fun in class [marketing]. She [Mrs. Terri Budlove, Buisness] doesn't know it, but I pay attention," Olukolapo Alli (11) said.

"Mrs. [Terri] Budlove's a lot of fun. She makes class really fun," Michelle Kelleher (9) said.



Rodney Jones (12) works on one of the computers during Marketing II. Marketing I is a prerequisite to get into this class. "I think web design is fun and keeps me working," Jones said.

A tour guide at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago explains to Christopher Callahan (12) the differences between regular and counterfeit money. Economic classes traveled to Chicago and visited the Board of Trade.



Kellie Butler (10) takes notes in Pacific Sunwear at Westfield Shopping Center in Merrillville. Butler and her Marketing II class travelled to the mall to observe different marketing strategies.

Alexander Bridgewaters (12) works on designing during Marketing II. "Computers really interest me and learning about designing web pages is fun and exciting," Bridgewaters said.

busy in business

students invest in multiple business classes



"I'm in Accounting II because it's a fun subject, Web Design I because I always wanted to work on web sites and marketing because I wanted to know of marketing. Business classes are fun classes that can also be a successful career in your future," Brian Kuechle (10) said.



"I am in marketing, keyboarding, Personal Finance and Computer Applications. I want to do something in business. My favorite business class was keyboarding with Mrs. [Terri] Budlove [Buisness]. I plan on taking more in the future," Murtaza Udaipurwala (11) said.



"I'm in marketing, Accounting I and Visual Basics. [I chose them so] I could figure out what career I would do. Visual basics is my favorite because it's hilarious when I mess up the code and the program does something completely different," Douglas Lannin (10) said.



"I'm in Business and Personal Law, web design and econ. I'm going into criminal justice for college and thought this would be an interesting course. some of the people in the class make it fun, and we tend to get off track a lot," Amanda Stoltz (12) said.



"I'm in Business and Pernal Law because I'm considering being a lawyer or something dealing with law. We did a fake trial, and a lawyer came into our class and talked about his job," Meridith Gjeldum (10) said.



"I'm in Accounting I, Career Planning and marketing to help me with a future in business. I plan on doing something in business for a living. I took a field trip to the mall in marketing," Joseph Olivotto (9) said.

center

Q&A with Mallory Lasser (11)

Why did you decide to take culinary at the Career Center?

It gives me a jump start at the basics of culinary before I go to college, and it gives you college credits.

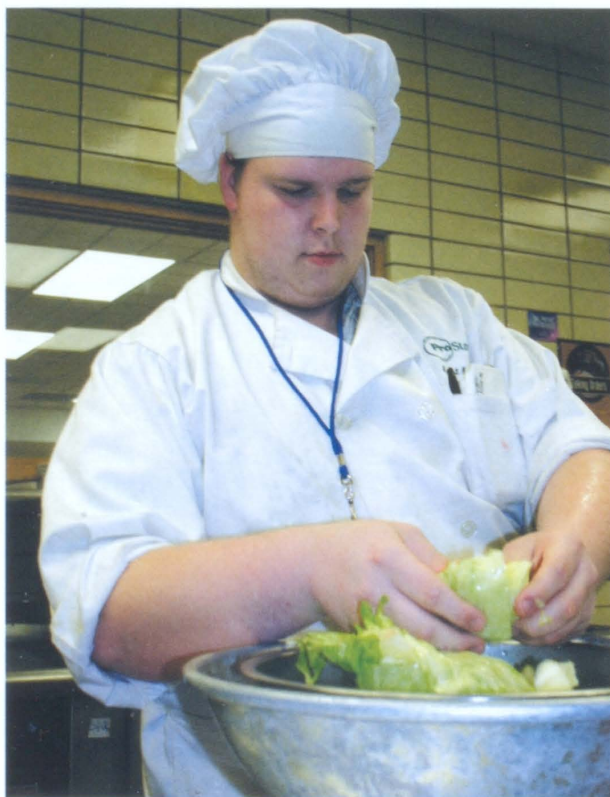
How much money did you have to spend on the equipment that you needed?

Altogether I think it was about \$250

Have you decided to go into the culinary field?

Yes, next year I am attending the Illinois Institute of Art for culinary management.

Daniel Manfre (12) and Mitchell Pieniazek (12) show off their criminal justice skills with a demonstration. They were practicing self-defense.



Kurt Koepl (12) breaks up lettuce while in the cafe at the career center. "[I came to the Career Center] because I want to be a chef," Koepl said.



"I came to the Career Center because I want to get an apprenticeship [after high school]," Griffin Shaughnessy (11) said.

in the right field

career center helps weld students' futures

The Hammond Area Career Center has been known for years to help those students who express interest in a certain field. The Career Center hosts classes such as construction, criminal justice, culinary and welding. For most students, the classes give them a chance to learn the skills needed in their prospective jobs. One of the more popular choices in the Career Center is welding.

"It's a lot of fun to meet new people from different schools in the area," Matthew O'Leary (11) said.

The welding classes, as well as the other classes available at the career center, help students in making their choices of what they want to do with their futures.

"I have plans on going into a boilermaker apprenticeship," Michael Gawlinski (11) said.

There are many other students that use these classes as building blocks for their future career choices as well.

"I got into welding because I want to get a pipefitter apprenticeship this summer," Griffin Shaughnessy (11) said.

There are also many other perks to choosing the career center over a sometimes mundane and normal school day.

"It [welding] seemed really fun," Anthony Halupniczak (11) said.

The grading system is also different from the normal style seen in high schools.

"It's nice not being here [at school] all day. We don't have homework and we are graded on the work we do in class," Gawlinski said.

Even though the welding class does not work on actual big projects, some of the students do things on the side.

"Tony and I work on projects with the teacher," Gawlinski said.

The welding class does not come cheap however. Every piece of equipment the students use, they have paid for.

"We have to pay eighty-five dollars at the beginning. We get a hood, safety goggles, files and other things," Gawlinski said.

For someone that has a passion for welding or any other program offered, the Career Center is the perfect place to learn the trade.

Vivien Schremp & Brooke Bughong

"It's a lot of fun to meet new people from different schools in the area," Matthew O'Leary (11) said.



Albert Paul O'Danovich (12) uses a miter saw to cut wood in the career center work shop. "I plan on going into the construction field," O'Danovich said.

Jonathan Almaguer (11) tapes off the windows of a car to get it ready for painting. Almaguer was a part of the auto class that is provided at the Career Center.

why the career center?

in the center



"It is a good alternative if you don't want to go to school."

Ryan Weaver (11)



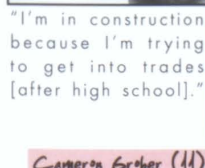
"It [construction] offers great training. There's always fundraisers that we do to raise money for families in need."

Kyle Burns (12)



"I'm in construction. It's a good learning experience that can benefit your life after school."

John Jarmicich (12)



"I'm in construction because I'm trying to get into trades [after high school]."

Cameron Grober (11)



"I'm taking computer information technology. The class is amazing. It's 100% hands-on."

Kevin Wladyska (11)



"It's a very educational program that makes the day go by faster because you're not in LC all day."

Dominic Podgialnik (11)



the arts

out of the mold

enjoying the creative freedom of art

Art classes sometimes get the bad connotation of being "restricting" or they can "completely ruin the creative flow." This is not the case. Students are taking more art classes because they enjoy the freedom.

"Don't draw what you see, but draw what you imagine. The teachers always teach us that unless we are painting a still life," Justin Hendron (12) said.

3D Art lets students use their inventive mind to create glass beads, hemp necklaces, stained glass, a mobile and many other 3D creations.

Ceramics classes work from plastic clay all the way to the final fired project. Ceramics I makes coil pots, mugs and pinch pots. As students take higher ceramics classes, the projects continually get more difficult.

"I'm in Ceramics II because it's the only class on my schedule where I get to express my creative side," Rebecca Trzupek (11) said.

Art I is just the beginning of so many opportunities. Students learn to just relax and let the creative mind flow. The teachers allow students to experiment while still following

certain project guidelines. Even though each project does have to follow these guidelines, they consist of minor restrictions such as making sure a lid fits or making sure the project has an outward design.

"I love the freedom I get in my [art] classes. You really do get to try anything you want with [the projects]. The teachers let you try anything you want, but they still give you tips and other ideas to help your project become the best it possibly can be," Jerry Jumonville (11) said.

Krysta Arnold & Katie Forczek



"I love the freedom I get in my [art] class," Jerry Jumonville (11) said.



While forming his coil pot, Keith Boersma (10) measures it to the stencil he created. Every student had to create their own coil pot pattern.



Cameron Janiga (12) cautiously blends the water in his senior project painting. For this project, the Art IV class needed to find a famous painting and duplicate it.

favorite things in art

in the class



"My favorite project [in ceramics class] was the mug because it was one of my projects that didn't end up breaking."

Roger Sammons (11)

"My favorite thing in art is painting. I got into art because my sister is really good at it, and it made me want to take it."



Sara Doherty (9)

"The vortex of dimension is engulfing the soul of the universe," Mr. Paul Volk, Art, said.

"A real motivator in ceramics is when Mrs. [Chris] Colle puts her Coldplay CD on," Richard Thompson (12) said.

3d art vs. ceramics

There are many disputes between which creative class is better: 3D art or ceramics.

"3D art is better [than ceramics] because you can work with different mediums. Stained glass was my favorite," Johanna Sivak (12) said.

"I've taken both classes, and I definitely think that ceramics is much better than 3D art. I really like 3D art, but ceramics gives you more of a hands on experience," Stanton Hinson (12) said.



Adam Voss (12)

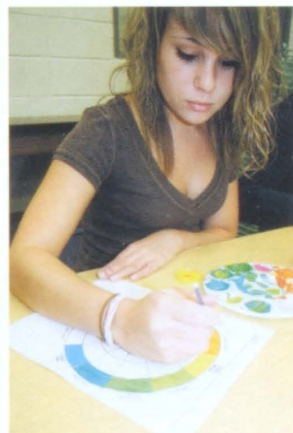


Stanton Hinson (12)

"Imagination is the best key to something great," Kelly Brock (12) said.

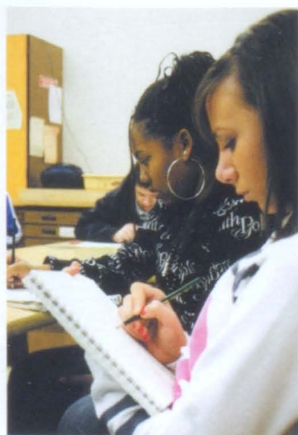
With safety goggles ready to go, Adam Voss (12) molds a bead into shape through the flame. Since fire was being used, goggles were a mandatory precaution.

Justin Hendron (12) concentrates while he paints a photograph. Hendron was painting the profile of a hockey player.



Kaitlyn Janich (9) practices blending colors before she can start her next project. The class had to paint all of the colors in the color wheel.

Gabrielle Waver (12) pauses while she thinks about where to paint next. For her senior project, Waver and her group painted The Beatles.



Natasja Drageljevic (11) focuses on sketching her drawing during Art 1 with Mr. John Talaber, Art. This was Drageljevic's first year in an art class.



auto

a.m. auto students get in the "auto zone"

in the zone



"The fact that it is 3 hours, and it will help me get a job in the automotive field is my favorite part of auto."

Kyle Holmes (12)



"My favorite part of auto is having it two classes a day, and only taking 8 finals in an entire year."

Matthew Bremer (11)

"My favorite part of auto class is starting the morning off with doing something that I love."

Nicholas Faoro (11)



"My favorite part of auto is just working. I want to work in collision repair. I am planning on getting my degree from Vincennes University."

Alexander Belligo (12)



Nelson Santiago (11) works on the inner mechanics of his car. Santiago was in a.m. auto, which means his first two classes of the day were spent working on cars.

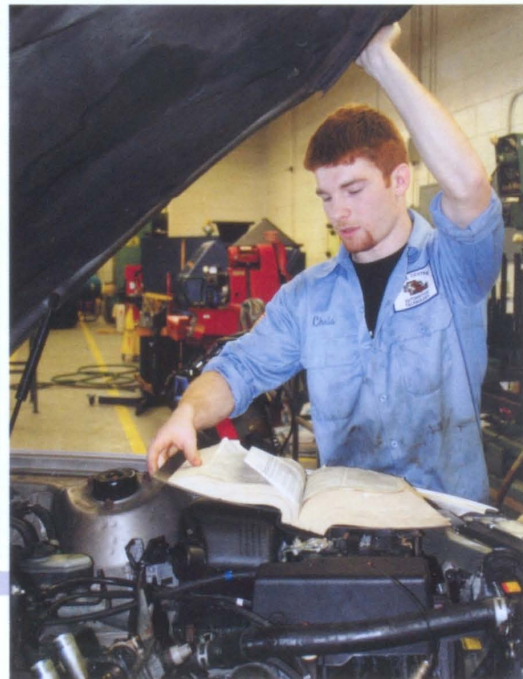
Eric LaMorte (11) works on the tire of his new a.m. auto class project. "I became interested in cars from being around my dad, muscle cars and I love going fast," LaMorte said.

Ryan Witkowski (12), James Thomas (12) and Matthew Wilkening (12) check the oil levels on a car. They worked together to troubleshoot the problem with their car.



Shaina Szymoniak (11) uses a socket wrench to finish her job for that day. Szymoniak was one of two girls in this a.m. auto class.

Christopher Watson (12) uses a reference book to help him understand what he is working on. "We have a lot of fun because we do what we like, what makes us happy," Watson said.



"Auto is great. I like the people and the class," Wesley Bulthuis (12) said.

"Auto was a fun experience and I would enjoy taking it again," Samuel Sheppard (10) said.



in class & under the hood an automotive student's day

The 10:21 a.m. bells rings. Some are headed out of the auto room and to their 7th hour, but for the p.m. auto class their day is just beginning. The p.m. auto class made the choice to stay after school and finish their work then. The a.m. spends their first two hours of each day working on their jobs.

"A typical day for me starts when I put my books on my desk, and I walk back to locker #14, grab the auto shirt that says 'Ayling' on it and button it up. I leave two undone. I sit down and wait for daily instructions. Then if I get a job, I do what I have to do," Kyle Ayling (11) said.

Mr. Dennis Brannock, Vocational, has his students working on many different types of cars. Some are old and just for learning purposes, and some are teachers' cars that need some tuning up.

"My typical day is I get here, get changed, and go to work," Samuel Sheppard (10) said.

Since they are into the vocational class, everything they do is hands on work.

For Ayling, the joy in working on cars comes from being able to tell the owner "I did work on it." For Eric LaMorte (11) his favorite part is, "Being able to fix a car and having someone smile afterwards. I don't like to rip people off if I am doing a job on their car. We do work, son!"

To some people this is just something they will work on during school, but for many others this is a career choice. The time they spend working on cars in school now will give them some of the experience they need to go on to working with cars as an actual job.

"My uncle has always inspired me to do automotive work. I plan on working at his shop, and making it my own business someday," Sheppard said.

The average amount of time that all of these people spend together is a minimum of three hours a day, five days a week. They have become the best of friends and have memories they'll never forget, for many different reasons.

"To be honest to everyone who is reading this, there are endless memories in this class. From the crazy kids in here, to Mr. Brannock telling people what's what, and who's who. It's sad that I will not be in here next year," Ayling said.

Sam Maloney & Morgan Goldsmith



"We do work, son!"
Michael Crider (11) said.

girls in a guy's world

girls in automotives



"It has been my best class throughout high school, and I consider the guys as my second family. Mr. [Dennis] Brannock is awesome. Thanks B," Alicia Wright (12) said.



"I work on race cars now. I just chose this class because it's fun. Whether there's more guys or girls, it doesn't matter. s," Suzann Marshall (12) said.



"I like it; they make it interesting. It's fun, and I have more guy friends anyway. I just love to learn more and work on car parts," Shania Szymoniak (11) said.



"It's a fun class. I like to work on older cars. The guys just make this class really fun," Brittany Sides (12) said.



"I think it's fun when we fix things that the guys don't or things they break," Kimberly Brennan (12) said.

nomew

invaluable help

"I don't really get any help during SRT. I don't attempt to even though I get a lot of work from Mr. [Ron] Fredrick," Joseph Ewing (12) said.



"Frau [Leslie] Iwema is the most helpful teacher. She will do anything until you understand the assignment," Stephanie Shupryt (10) said.

Kenneth Couwenhoven (10) concentrates on his biology homework during SRT. There is a possibility that student resource time, or "SRT," may not return as a class period next year. Brandon Cloutier (9) works on his math homework Mrs. Nancy Tilka's, Foreign Language, classroom. "I like doing homework in school because when I'm at home I feel like I'm done with school for the day," Cloutier said.



where do students have the most homework?

work influx



"Science class has the least amount of homework for me because of all the labs that we do in class."

Justin Urbani (9)



"The class I get the least homework in is world history because we do a lot of in-class assignments. We just have study guides for tests."

Steven Stepinski (10)



"The class that I have the most homework is probably world lit. We have to read something for every class or do vocabulary lessons."

David Sufkowicki (12)

"I have the least homework in my welding class at the Career Center because 95% of the time we are in the shop working."

Matthew O'Leary (11)



"Math gives me the most homework because it is really hard and takes a lot of work."

Kelcie Schultze (9)



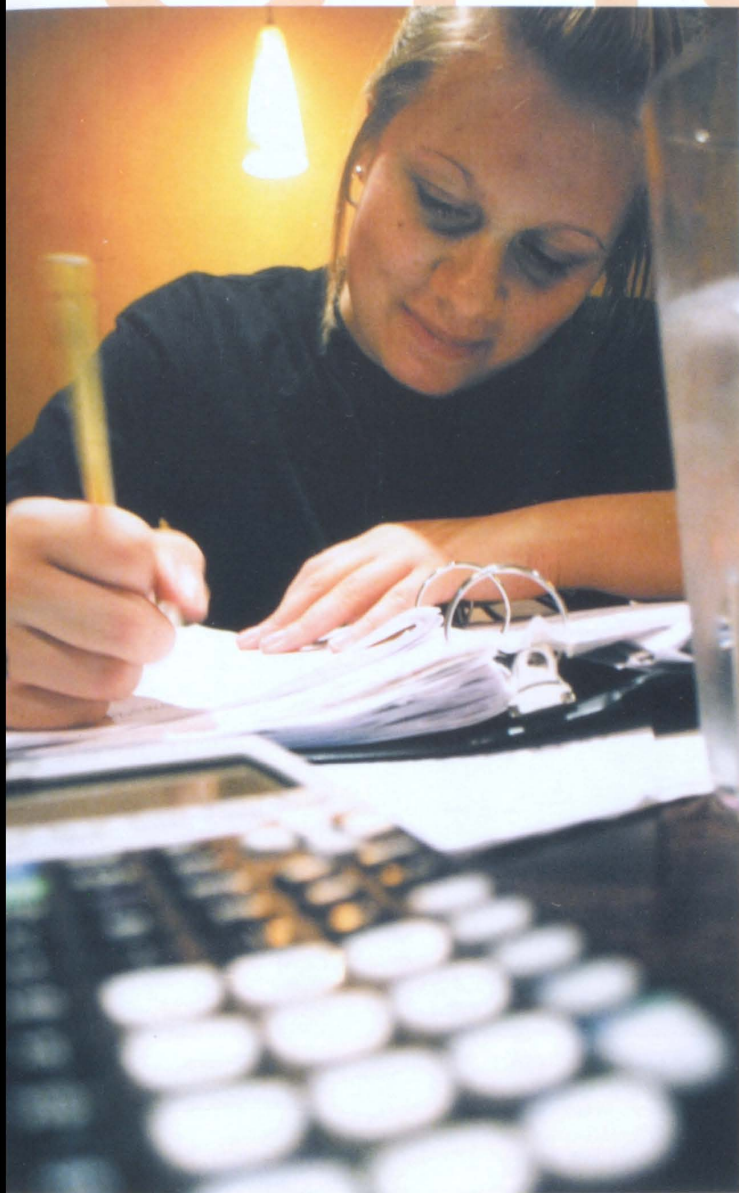
"I have the most homework in English with Mrs. [Kathryn] Hoover. We read a lot of poems and stuff, and we always have a bunch of homework."

Brittany Kerwin (11)



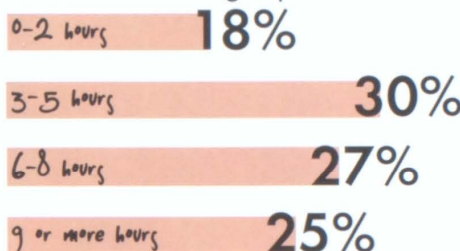
"I only do homework in SRT or in other classes, never at home," Krystal Silva (12) said.

"I really don't like homework, but I do it anyways," Matthew Duran (9) said.



indebted hours

How many hours of homework do students get per week?



300 students polled

investing time

popular homework places

What homework do I have tonight? This is the dreaded question almost every student asks themselves as they approach their locker at the end of the school day. Everyone has a different way to complete their assignments.

"I sometimes get my homework done in class when the teacher gives time to do it in class. I do my homework in SRT, too, because I would rather do the work at school than at home," Sarah Shaw (11) said.

There are other places in school that people choose to get their homework done, however.

"When I am in school, I get a lot of my homework done while I am aiding for Ms. [Megan] Grubbs," Gabrielle Makarowski (12) said.

It is almost impossible, though, to avoid doing at least some of the work at home.

"I do homework best at my kitchen table because it is quiet. I can get a lot of my homework done there," Shaw said.

Not everyone has the same choice for a place to do their ongoing projects and papers.

"The best place for me to do my homework is in my room where I can pay attention more," Makarowski said.

Some students choose to work with their friends to make the time go by faster.

"Sometimes I have study groups with my friends. It's fun completing it when everyone has the same work," Olivia Radencic (11) said.

The library is a convenient place for students to utilize the quiet and the vast amount of books.

"I go to the library once in a while for homework when I need to use the resources that they have there," Radencic said.

Others barely make use of the public library unless it is absolutely required for an assignment.

"I only go to the library to do my homework during the term paper time," Shaw said.

With a student's busy schedule, it is hard to find time to finish the work without overlapping it with other activities.

"Since I am at work a lot, I get my homework done there when I don't finish it in school," Makarowski said.

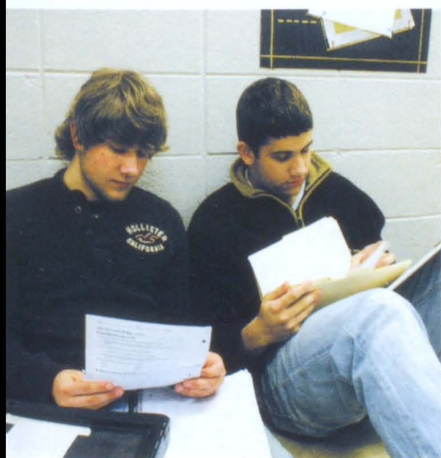
Stacy Sobek & Annemarie Rompca



"I would rather do the work at school than at home," Sarah Shaw (11) said.

Anita Majstorov (12) studies for Advanced and Organic Chemistry Honors at Svago Cafe. "I was studying there with friends. It's a lot better with a group because we can help each other out," Majstorov said.

Wayne Micka (11) and Aristotelis Panousis (11) focus on their studies during SRT. Micka was working on his chemistry while Panousis sorted through his Vietnam project.



Take

It's

We

Lee Rose, Lucas Groves and Justin Frank fill up their Valentine's Day bags with cards. Each of the students decorated their own Valentine's Day bags.



Brian Williams and Clayton Rodgers help clean up the at a Nursing home. "At Regency [Nursing Home] they clean the railings, conference rooms and the lunch room and at Dyer [Nursing Home] they sometimes folded and put away laundry," Mrs. Lina Dreger said.

Megan Bolinger and Jessica Willis play with Protsman Elementary students. The Westlake class sometimes volunteered their time to work with the elementary special needs kids.



peer mentors: what they do and why

"This is my second year as a peer mentor. This class has changed my view completely. I am now inter-

ested in studying special educa- tion and becoming a special needs teacher," Chelsey Dunlap (12) said.



"I originally decided to become a peer mentor because I thought it would be a class to get an easy 'A' in, but

now I truly look forward to coming to this class, and I love working with the peers," Kristen Talaber (12) said.

"I enjoy these kids a lot. They're fun and they are sincere," Mrs. Maryleah Fleener said.



Joseph Soltis Jr. and Dana Vander Genugten (12) play basketball during SRT. The Westlake classes play basketball in the gym at the beginning of every SRT.



out for the medals

team bowls to success

They won gold, silver and bronze medals. They went all the way down to Indianapolis to compete against teams from across the state. Any idea who it might be? Yes, it's our Westlake bowling team, the Westlake Bowlers.

The Westlake Bowlers practice at Stardust Bowl in Dyer and the team is composed of students from Lake Central and Munster High School who are involved in Westlake.

"We had a lot of participants. The students seem to have a good time and good showmanship," Mrs. Judy Kline said.

The way the team competes is different than the average bowling competition.

"They bowl against other students based on their bowling average," Kline said, "[We did] very good. We ended up going down to Indianapolis to compete."

The team competed against a variety of schools from around Indiana at state.

"All different schools [went to Indianapolis]. The time scores were sent to Indy, and the schools bowled against each other," Kline said.

There were about 20 members on the team this season and about 10 went down to Indianapolis to compete.

"[In Indianapolis] we got a lot of gold, silver and bronze medals," Kline said.

After the bowling competition there was a really bad ice storm. Many of the families stayed in Indianapolis for the night to wait it out, but some tried to battle the storm home.

"I-65 got shut down, and we were stuck. It took us about 6 1/2 hours to finally get home," Mrs. Linda Dreger said.

Along with the bowling team the Westlake class competes in track, bowling and swimming.

"Bowling, I think, is the kids favorite Special Olympics sport," Dreger said.

Although many students may not know about the team and they had icy roads to battle, the Westlake Bowlers didn't come home empty handed.



"The students seem to have a good time and good showmanship," Mrs. Judy Kline said.

Laubree Adams

students' favorite part of school

interesting



"[I like] all my friends 'cause it's great to have friends, and it's nice to meet new people."

Emily Nicole Banning

"I like the books we read, all the books we read and I like choir."

Ashley Villanova Rojas



"[I like] my friends. Mostly it's that we learn, but have fun."

Dominick Daniele

"[I like] reading. I like to read books and learn what's going on out there."

Quincy Baker



high school vs. freshmen

activities in art club



"In Art Club we have parties around holidays, and we have field trips. We've been to the art museum and Macy's."

Nikkol McCord (10)

"In Freshmen Art Club, we express our personality and do the projects Mr. [John] Talaber gives us to do, such as when we painted and decorated Halloween pumpkins."

Stephanie Conroy (9)



"My favorite part of Art Club is the fieldtrips through the Chicago art museums."

Alexander Dittmann (12)

"In Freshmen Art Club, for Easter we sucked out all the yolk in the eggs and filled them with confetti. Then, we decorated them. It was pretty fun, especially cracking the eggs."

Jennifer Gutzar (9)



"My favorite part about Freshmen Art Club is the parties, the pizza and the art."

Kenneth Fietz (9)

"Freshmen Art Club is a blast. The students and I get together after school about once a month and party and goof around while we learn new and different art projects."

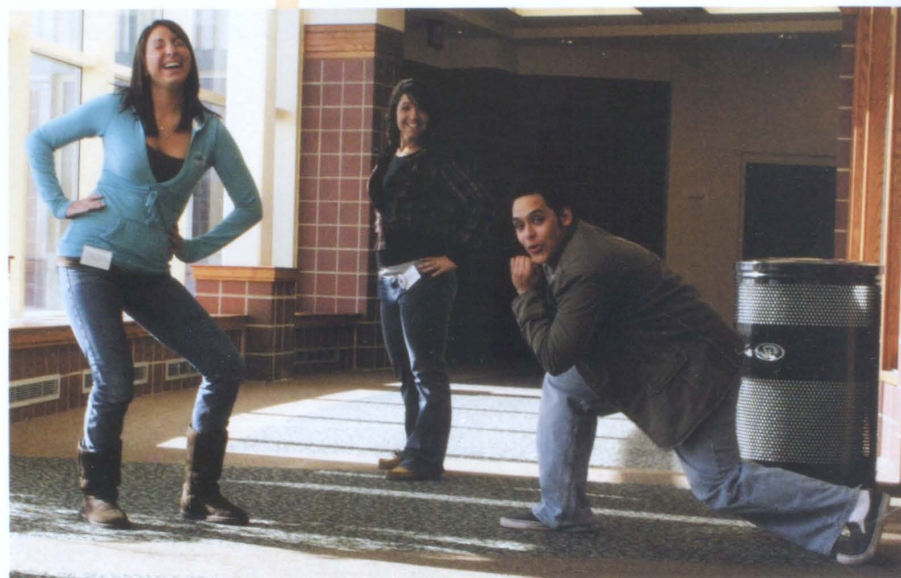
Mr. John Talaber, Art



Brittany Massie (10), Emily Hogg (10), Kimberly Esty (10), Tyler Mills (10) and Katherine Dillon (12) read the programs in between shows. The members of ITS performed 'Tartuffe' at regionals at Warsaw Community High School.



Mariana Escue (10) and Natalie Bzdyl (10) sign in for the High School Art Club during SRT. "I joined Art Club to express who I am as a person. I love it. I've been doing it since kindergarten," Bzdyl said. Emily Watson (11), Rachael Prendergast (12) and Blake Zamora (12) model for the camera. The members of ITS had some down time during regionals and decided to turn the hallway into a model runway.



what is Rune?

"We publish Rune, a creative arts magazine that is a collection of artwork and what have you from students. For the class, I think you need to take a few art classes, but anyone could help out. We look at the pictures on the computer or if they are in print, and through a raise of hands we decide whether or not it will be accepted into the Rune," Nicole Kulina (12) said.

pictures published in Rune:



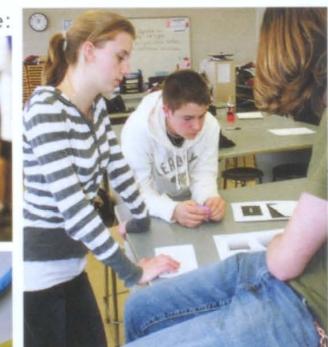
Melissa Malone (10)



Kaitlyn Toczek (11)



Emily Ganza (11)



Rune members, Julie Soltesz (12), Andrew Siple (11), and Alexander Dittmann (12), decide which pictures should be chosen to be published in the Rune magazine.

"Mr. [John] Talaber is the most awesomest teacher ever," Kelsey Poby (9) said.

"I love art. It's nice to get together with other freshmen to do artsy stuff," Lori Stasinski (9) said.



Jordan Pellegrini (11) and Trudy Sowash (11) decorate pumpkins for Halloween. "It was fun decorating pumpkins and coming up with a design. My design was a cartoon dog. I really like Art Club. That's why I joined," Sowash said.

Mr. John Talaber shows examples of decorated pumpkins to his Freshman Art Club students. Later, the students were able to decorate their own pumpkins.



art clubs, ITS, Rune

interests that stick:

theatre students become more involved

International Thespian Society is a club that allows students to further their interest in theatre and become more involved with their passion of the performing arts.

In order to get into ITS, the person must be invited and earn ITS points come from various aspects of being in theatre.

"Anyone can become a member, but it takes a lot of work. In order to actually be inducted, you have to earn 10 points by participating in the plays, helping out with a theatre project or fundraiser or going to conferences," Grant McCormack (10) said.

ITS can be a way for someone interested in theatre to prepare for further advancements. These advancements include participating in theatre in college or even preprating for a future career in it.

"[I joined ITS] because I plan on majoring in theatre in college. Director!" Haley Borodine (11) said.

ITS meets the first Tuesday of every month to discuss their ideas and thoughts on how to promote upcoming shows. They also think of different ways to raise money for supplies and the expenses for going to state.

"We basically discuss what the theatre department is doing, future shows, fundraisers, advertising meetings, etc.," McCormack said.

For students interested in theatre, ITS is perfect. It gives the students a chance to make friends with the people who share their love and commitment for theatre.

"The best part of being in ITS would have to be hanging out with friends and going on trips to state and regionals," Megan Hammer (10) said.

Lamy buckman & courtney braadhead

alliance, astronomy, bible, chess, photo, word of life

involved with interests: students turn hobbies into clubs

After the 2:09 bell rings in the afternoon and releases all of the eager students from their last hour classes, E-Hall seems to echo in silence as its recent inhabitants leave to another world outside of the cinder block walls that had been their prison.

"A few years ago, I tried to look at Saturn, but it was way too blurry. Ever since then I have wanted to be able to look at the sky," Eric Tarnowski (9) said.

Tarnowski has been a member of the Astronomy Club, which is sponsored by Mr. Eric Bushong, Math, since October 2007. Apart from looking at the sky, Astronomy Club planned on going to the Alder Planetarium in

Chicago, Illinois for a club field trip.

Beyond what is seen through a telescope, students took the initiative to form two new clubs, Bible Club and Word of Life.

"[My favorite part about Bible club] is being around other Christians. We talk and encourage each other," Kathryn Dunlap (12) said.

Meeting every other Tuesday, Dunlap leads Bible Club as the founder and leader.

"Usually, we eat some kind of snack and hang out. We talk about something from the Bible, a verse usually, and we pray at the end. It gets really interesting when a lot of people add to the conversation," Dunlap said.

Along with Bible Club, Word of Life has brought new life to the list of clubs. With Mrs. Toni Radio, English, and Mrs. Maureen Yae-gar, Art, as sponsors, Nicole Brassea (11) leads the group.

"I started this club because I strongly feel God led me to do this. I feel it's a good thing to share the good news of salutation to my classmates. God is a huge part of my life, and I want to share that love with people. [I most look forward to] the kids that come back full of questions, excitement and anticipation for the next meeting. Also, I love seeing new faces," Brassea said.

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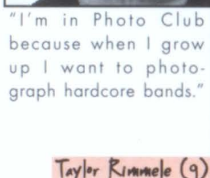
photo clubbers tell why they joined

in focus



"I'm in it because I like to take photos, and I figured that Photo Club is nice for me. I like to take pictures of scenery like weather, trees and plants."

Cymone Wright (9)



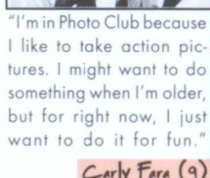
"I'm in Photo Club because when I grow up I want to photograph hardcore bands."

Tayler Rimmelle (9)



"I think it's a good club to join if you like to have fun and take pictures. I like to take portraits of people, like my friends."

Jillian Spivak (9)



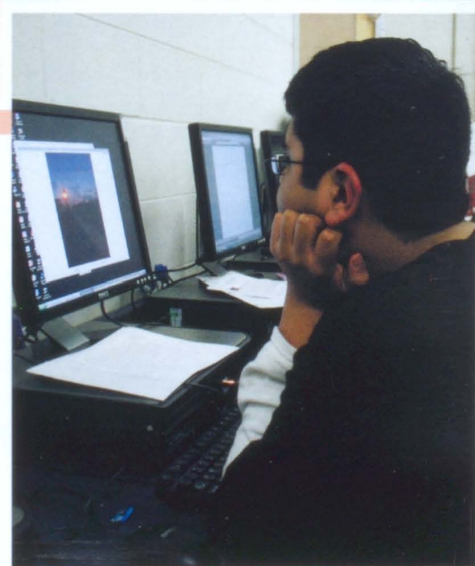
"I'm in Photo Club because I like to take action pictures. I might want to do something when I'm older, but for right now, I just want to do it for fun."

Carly Fara (9)



Kathryn Dunlap (12) reads a verse out of the Bible during a Bible Club meeting. Each meeting someone read a verse out of the Bible, and then members discussed it.

Cesar Pulido (9) sits at a computer in S101 during a Photo Club meeting. Pulido looked through old pictures and tried fixing them by using PhotoShop.

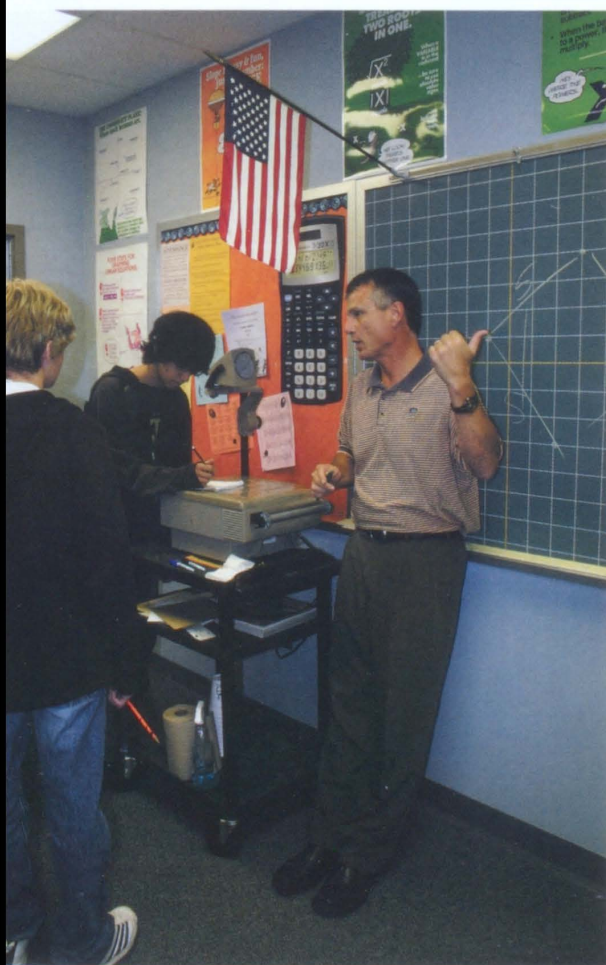


"A few years ago, I tried to look at Saturn but it was way too blurry. Ever since then I have wanted to be able to look at the sky," Eric Tarnowski (9) said.

"I want to spread awareness and to get other people to know that we [Alliance Club] are like everyone else," Jessica Gasiorek (11) said.



Michael Klamo (11) thinks of his next move against his opponent during chess club. Chess Club met in Mr. Darrell Wierzal's, English, room sporadically throughout the year.



During one of the first meetings, Mr. Eric Bushong, Math, talks to the Astronomy Club members about the fees and possible trips for the club. "I'm looking forward to sharing with as many students as possible, the wonders of the universe, through a telescope," Bushong said.

what does it mean to you?

gay-straight alliance members explain the personal significance of the club



"I've been an active person in the gay rights movement since 7th grade. I'm also a really big activist for gay marriage. A lot of my friends are gay, so I don't think it's right that they don't have the same rights like everyone else," Nicole Kulina (12) said.



"Our goal is to help kids, and some can get bad because they are depressed. They can get together to meet together and talk about their problems. We have to understand that people are different," Katrina Coric (12) said.



"I heard about Alliance Club from other students about three years ago, and I wanted to join right away. [The club's] goal is to promote tolerance. We try to have everyone be equal," Rebecca Hamilton (12) said.

Thomas Scott Barclay (12) and Stevan Tomich II (11) share a congratulatory high five during debate team party. The team bonded over a card game they made up.

Officers Thomas Schmitt (11) and Robert Kwiecinski (12) talk with the Academic Letterwinners sponsor Miss Rebecca Junokas. The officers helped pass out certificates at the banquet on April 17.

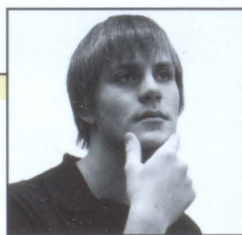


spellbowl challenge:

which word is spelled correctly?

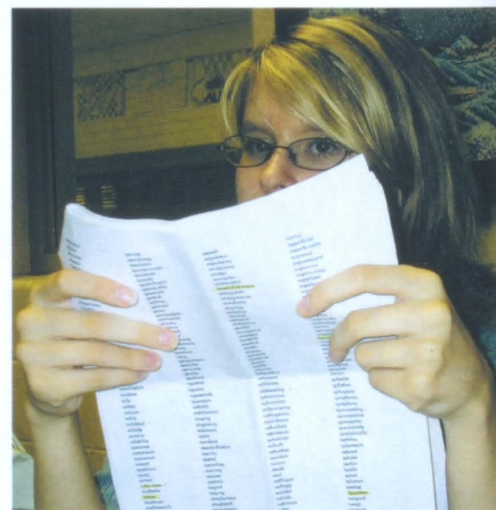
1. a) Oberammergau b) Oberamergua c) Oberamerrgow
2. a) Soosquehana b) Sussquhanna c) Susquehanna
3. a) Versimilitude b) Verisimilitude c) Verisimiltude
4. a) Mullagatany b) Mullegatawny c) Mulligatawny

"It was my first year on Spellbowl, and it was really fun. I plan on doing it next year," Masleid said.



Alexander Masleid (11)

Answers: 1A 2C 3B 4C



Ashley King (12) studies at the Spellbowl competition October 16th. The competitors were each presented with a list of the words that were used at the competition.

academic letterwinners BPA, debate, spellbowl

in the shadows: the lesser known, yet successful clubs

Everyone has heard of football and basketball teams, and you can't help but notice NHS with all the bake sales they hold. But what about BPA, which travels to Nationals almost every year and has members that actually place?

"BPA is the Business Professionals of America. It's a team where people perform different events, and there's different categories they can compete in," Michael Ashenbrener (12) said.

Speech and Debate is just one more club that takes hard work, but goes nearly unnoticed. Homework out of school and afternoon practices are a necessity for

success among these clubs.

"Debate practices every other Wednesday after school and then [during] SRT with Mr. [Darrell] Weirzal. During practices, we prepare speeches and practice our debates. We semi-follow the rules, but it's a lot of heated arguments. We have to tone it down for tournaments," Mallorie Gomez (12) said.

Practice may be centered more around fun, but the members realize that it is more than that and preparation is needed.

"I do a lot of research to prepare for the debates. The day before, I'm usually up until two o'clock in the morning research-

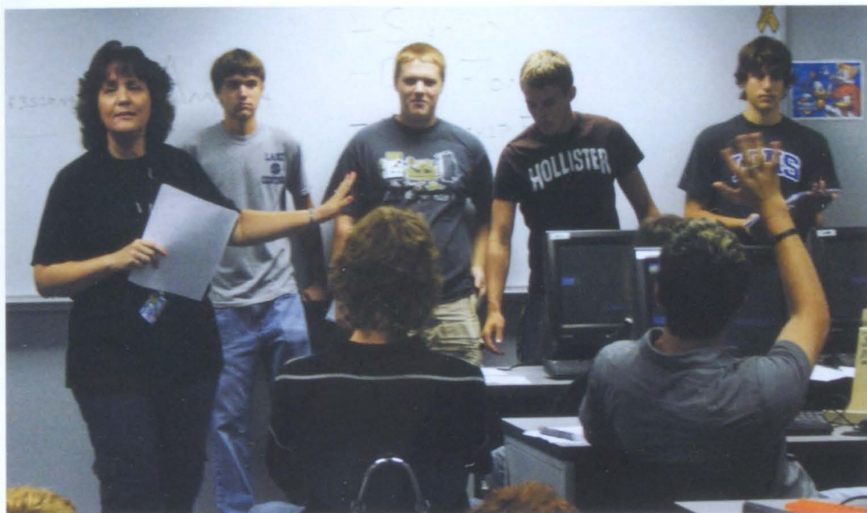
ing. I wait until the last minute," Amelia Marmolejo (10) said.

The effort students put into their work can pay off not only for school, but in nationally recognized ways as well.

"I'm going to BPA Nationals for database applications. You get to go there if you're in the top five at state, and I got second," Michal Broniek (11), an impressive rookie to the team, said.

Instead of supporting only the school's athletics, it is important to realize the contributions of many underappreciated clubs that are filled with dedicated and talented students.

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Mrs. Rita Chavez, Michael Ashenbrener (12), Kevin Wells (12), Andrew Siegle (11) and Brett Guiden (11) conduct a BPA meeting. Ashenbrener, Wells, Siegle and Guiden were all returning members of BPA.

Anthony Lyza (12) and Thomas Scott Barclay (12) prepare for the upcoming debate. This was the club's first year. Members never knew what side they would get at the tournaments, so they had to study both sides of the arguments.



academic letterwinners

outstanding impact



"I've gone to one meeting. She [Ms. Rebecca Junokas] said she was amazed there were so many people there and that the club doesn't do anything."

Eric Hickok (9)

"I'm an officer this year because of the flexibility. I get my work done, and I get more free time. Next year I'll be the vice president."

Thomas Schmitt (14)



"This club will help me with college applications and résumés in the future. I'm going to try and be in it all throughout high school."

Jared Schreiber (9)

"It makes me feel good about myself because I'm getting good grades. Basically, it makes me stand out for colleges."

Douglas Lannin (9)



"This is a great program because grades are really important. I know that I have to keep my grades up to stay in it."

Huilee Babucjak (10)

"I've been in Academic Letterwinners on and off for two years. I'm always surprised when I'm invited in the club."

William Dulin (12)



super memories

"I became a Superfan because it is fun being with everyone at the games. The best game was when everyone ran onto the court after the Munster basketball game when LC scored in the last two seconds. I plan on being a Superfan next year," Emily Peppin (10) said.



"I became a Superfan because it's fun being part of all the school spirit, and it gets crazy getting so into the games. I'm pretty sure I'll do it next year," Jeanette Delatorre (11).



Devin DeYoung (12) displays his fandom by wearing the school mascot uniform and wearing a painted on "21". The uniform was handed down each year to whomever the previous mascot feels deserves it, while the "21" was in support of hurt football player, Matthew Wesley (12). Jeffery Keilman (9) prepares to hit the ping pong ball back at his opponent. The Ping Pong Club was one of the few new clubs this year.



athletic letterwinners, ping pong, superfans in the game: ping pong takes off

Ping pong, sometimes called table tennis, originated in England in the 1880s. Since then, it has spread around the world to many different countries. It even has its own world championships, as well as an event in the summer Olympics, but you do not have to be a world class player to enjoy the game of ping pong.

A new club that started this year is the Ping Pong Club. Ms. [Joan] Loden's 8th hour Calculus class formed the club, and it took off from the very beginning.

"With the support of Ms. Loden, my friends from 8th period Calculus and I in-

vented the club," Kevin Parikh (12) said.

Ms. Loden agreed to sponsor the club, and because of her sponsorship, the students were able to form the club.

The club members meet weekly to practice their technique against each other.

"It meets from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. every Wednesday," Neil Olson (11) said.

The club may just be made on a whim and only for fun, but it has become a very competitive after school activity.

"It is mostly just for fun, but we are going to start a tournament soon," Olson said.

As with most clubs, members make mem-

ories. They are all different, but they hold the same value for each player.

"[My best memory was] watching Mr. [Rod] Wartman get spanked by Kevin [Parikh (12)]," Ted Vlahos (12) said.

"[My best memory was] seeing teachers like Mr. Wartman and Mr. [Ralph] Holden come out and play with the students," Parikh said.

Whether the students play just for fun or for the glory of a strong victory, one thing is for sure: the Ping Pong Club is here to stay for years to come.

Faith Patena & Christopher Einfert



superfans tell why they joined the popular club

in the stands



"My friends and I all joined Superfans together, and it was fun going to the games together."

Samara Candreva (10)



"I love sports. It's so much easier if you are a Superfan because you won't have to pay anything for home games."

Ryan Beach (9)

"I joined Superfans because it's a lot of fun, and it supports Lake Central."

Allison Riddering (10)



"I love sports, so why not be a Superfan."

Shawn Beach (9)



"It takes a lot of practice to be an athletic letterwinner," William Simes (11) said.



Justin Tuerff (12), Justin Haviar (12), and Tyler Ferree (12), along with fellow students, cheer on the basketball team at sectionals. The basketball team played Gary West Side High School at East Chicago High School.

Students cheer and wave balloons at the homecoming game. The parents of the football players provided the balloons for the fans as a way to encourage cheering and spirit.



getting to know: Shloka Kini

Kini fills us in with her time on Jets

why did you join?: "JETS was like a high school version of the Mathcounts team I joined in middle school. It combined math and science to do some tough problem solving, so I thought it'd be fun."

what is your favorite part?: "I really like this club because it's fun to have eight confused kids in a room looking at a near impossible exam and trying to make sense of it."



what do you look most forward to?: "I look forward to the competition day because we do not really meet. You get out of school for the day and compete by taking a three-hour test."

funny story or random information?: "I don't know about Varsity, but for the free response portion of the test, the Junior Varsity pretty much laughed when they saw the questions, especially when most of it was physics, and I was the only person to know any physics at the time. So, after attempting to answer the questions, for the first 45 minutes, my teammates started playing cards while I struggled with the last few questions. It was quite a sight."

Mr. Kendal Smith, Science, assists the Chemistry club after taking cotton and shredding it with nitric acid, which then made it very flammable. "I like for them to be excited about chemistry. It doesn't have to be boring stoichiometry," Smith said.



Emily Shultz (11), Katie Byrd (12) and Brittney Corley (12) take a break from competing to take a traditional "goggle photo." This was after the regional competitions.

Robert Kwiecinski (12) and Katie Byrd (12) carry the Lake Central flag during a Science Olympiad Competition. They got the team excited during the State Competition at IU.



chemistry, JETS, science olympiad getting involved: clubs that help expand the mind

The rapid decomposition of nitrocellulose may confuse and befuddle many, but to a handful of students, it means fun.

On May 19th, the Chemistry club met in V108 to attempt an experiment involving nitrocellulose and gun cotton.

"We took cotton and shredded it with nitric acid, making it very flammable," Mr. Kendal Smith, Science, said.

The Chemistry club was started this year by Mark Kalinich (11) with Mr. Smith as the sponsor. For these students, and others who take a particular interest to science, there are many ways to get involved.

"I am in Science Olympiad because it is good for college and apparently, I am good at science," Emily Shultz (11) said.

Science-oriented clubs have a wide range of activities, from regular meetings to competitions on regional and state levels.

"[For Science Olympiad] we usually do very well at regionals and we did well this year. At state, we finished 10th," Kaitlyn McClain (12) said.

Along with Science Olympiad, other clubs like JETS are also beneficial for students whose interests lie in the fields of mathematics and science.

"It's a program for kids who want to be or go into engineering, so it's basically a first-hand experience to see what type of engineering you would want to go in," Amrao Chhokar (11) said.

With sponsor Mr. Kerry Zajicek, Math-

ematics, the teams of bright and eager students, who consist of juniors and seniors, go to a competition each year.

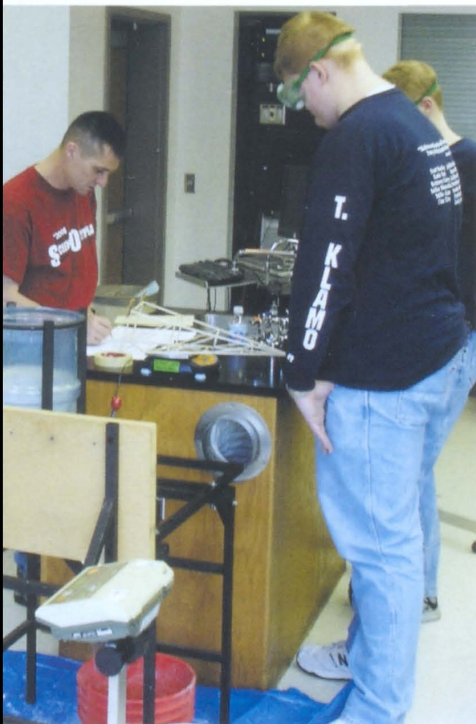
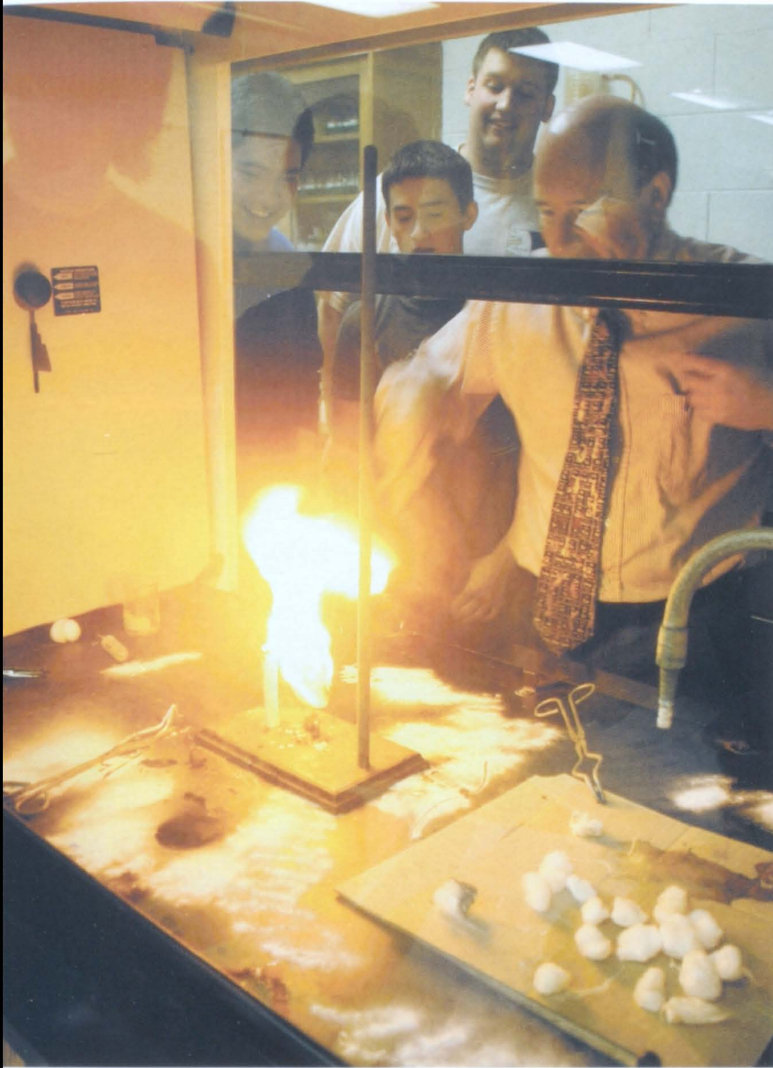
"There's eight sections [of competition], each dealing with a different part of engineering. In teams, we try to figure out the questions," Alexander Matushek (12) said.

During the time spend together and bonding, the team has developed close relationships with one another.

"We get food. I like working with people; it's a bunch of teamwork," Chhokar (11) said.

The multiple math and science clubs that are offered are enjoyable, as well as a good outlet of learning for those who wish to pursue future careers in the field.

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Timothy Klamo (12) stands back to examine whether the "Boomilever Bridge," made of bass and balsa wood, would hold the heavy bucket filled with sand. He made the bridge to see how much weight it could hold.

into the future

science olympiad members look to careers



"I've been in it [Science Olympiad] for five years because I really love science. It's kind of hard [being involved in a lot of activities]; I wish I had more time in the day to do it all."

Sophia Pollalis (10)

"I like the competition; it's fun. [I participated in] Chemistry Lab, Forensics, Circuit Lab and Food Science."

Michael Hernandez (12)



"I like it [Science Olympiad] because I can pick specific events for my career. I will probably work with politics [after majoring in environmental science at IU]."

Kathryn McClain (12)

"I'm in the Anatomy event, called Health Science, so I feel like I'm getting a head start [on my career] because I want to be a doctor."



Katie Byrd (12)



"I'm planning on going into engineering, so I know a strong science and being involved will help me. I have to time manage then, so I might as well do it now"

Brittney Corley (12)

"[I look forward to] learning new things that I can take with me in the future. [My favorite part] is studying and competing with my friends."



Robert Kwiecinski (12)

What is JETS?



"JETS stands for Junior Engineering Technical Society. It's a competition of different disciplines of engineering. We have two teams of eight. There's one competition at Purdue Calumet every year. This year, the seniors placed second and the juniors placed third at regionals. There are competitions for graphics, biology, chemistry, physics, and math," Mr. Kerry Zajicek, Mathematics, said.



fussball-fan

Julia Stecyk (10), a member of the German Club, decided to use her knowledge of the German culture and language to write to one of her favorite soccer teams.

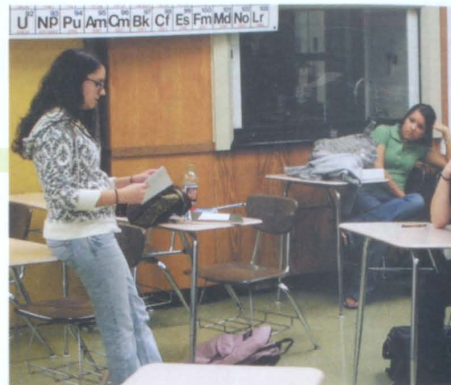
"I didn't think I was going to get anything. I expected maybe a little 'thanks for writing' and a sticker," Stecyk said.

Instead she got a poster with all of the player's signatures and a little card saying thanks for writing.

"I was really excited because they're one of my favorite team countries for soccer," Stecyk said.

Amy Nicole Dosen (12) reads from an agenda to the members of German Club. Sponsor, Mr. Kendall Smith, Science, took a hands off role and Dosen and other members ran the meetings.

Ashely Evans (11), Michael Zakrzewski (11), Alexa Schutz (12) and Katherine McNeice (12) work as a group to make crêpes. French club took a day to make authentic French food.



french, german, spanish

in the culture:

students explore beyond the classroom

Through cooking, crafts and culture days, foreign language clubs help members experience the culture and language of countries around the globe.

While taking a foreign language as a class may be one reason for joining that club, students may also expand from the normal academic courses and take advantage of other foreign language possibilities. Many decide to join a language club different from the one they are taking because they want to learn about that country.

"I took German in middle school, but

I'm in French IV now. I joined German Club because I just like languages, studying the language and the culture. This year I'm in German I," Timothy Krull (12) said.

"I figured that I've been in French for four years, so I would step up and try to be more active," Julie Soltesz (12) said.

Clubs can be a fun way to experience new things. In both Spanish and French Club, members had the opportunity to cook an authentic food to that country. The Spanish Club had a mini Mexican Food day and the French Club had a crêpe making day.

Just because different clubs study different languages doesn't mean they can't intermingle. One exciting event was a Spanish Club versus French Club soccer game.

"I'm looking most forward to the soccer game against the Spanish Club on April 30th. It was the Spanish Club's idea, but we just thought it would be something fun," Soltesz said.

The Spanish Club is even making t-shirts for the occasion. Even though the winner won't be World Cup Champions, they will hold all the bragging rights.

Lauren rigg & katie harned

"[We chose that name] because we are 'les Formidables,' and we like that word in French," Mrs. Nancy Tilka, Foreign Language, said.

foreign language members' favorite memories

kept in mind



"I really just enjoy hearing [the officers] talk. Our sponsor was in Germany for some time, and I like hearing his stories about the country."

Timothy Krull (12)



"The two weeks that we cooked were really fun. The first time we made guacamole, and the next time we made tapas."

Cheryl Jordan (11)

"My favorite thing was the Christmas piñata. We sang Spanish songs while hitting the piñata blindfolded."

Meghan Morales (11)



"The best thing in Spanish Club was making flautas, which is chicken in a fried tortilla. It was a lot of fun. I really enjoyed being with all of my friends."

Annemarie Rompa (11)



Richard Reasons (10) chops cilantro to put into salsa. Spanish club had a mini Mexican food day where they split up in groups and made different foods.

Nikkol McCord (10) picks out colors of tissue paper for the Day of the Dead flowers in Spanish club. Day of the Dead was a time when the Spanish culture celebrates their ancestors by decorating their graves.



Jonathan Kowalski (11) flips his crepe during a French Club food-making day. During a Mardi Gras party, they made crepes with different filling choices.

Lauren Podowski (12) and Jason Piercy (10) fold colored paper to make flowers. Spanish club made the flowers for the Day of the Dead decorations.

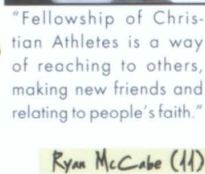
in the faith

students are dedicated to maintaining the faith



"Fellowship of Christian Athletes is a great way to be with your peers your own age who share your faith."

Kaitlyn McCabe (9)



"Fellowship of Christian Athletes is a way of reaching to others, making new friends and relating to people's faith."

Ryan McCabe (11)



"Fellowship of Christian Athletes is an opportunity for Christian athletes to get together and pray for our school and get to know each other better."

Megan Feustel (12)



"Fellowship of Christian Athletes is a great way for people to get to know other Christians."

Kaitlyn Dunlap (12)

During an Interact meeting, Michelle Momirovich (11) makes a poster to support the food drive. Members of Interact frequently made posters to inform the students and faculty about the food drive.



N-Teens members, Michelle Sweeney (10), Brooke Carnahan (10) and Cesar Pulido (9) shop for an Easter basket for a needy family. Making Easter baskets was only one of the activities N-Teens did.

Molly Sammon (12) creates a poster to urge students and faculty to attend the benefit dinner for Stephen Phernetton (Crown Point, '07). "We made the posters for the benefit to increase the event's popularity and try to make as much money for the event as possible," Sammon said.



"Helping people makes me feel good, and it's a great way to get involved," Kaitlyn Alcott (11) said.

"Just knowing that you made a difference in someone's life is the best reward," Natalie Dec (11) said.

FCA, interact, n-teens, NHS, YAO

in the community:

students stop at nothing to make a difference

Is changing the world a goal that is attainable? For Interact, National Honor Society, N-Teens, Young Americans Organization and Dollars for Scholars, this goal is nothing but achievable.

"Mostly everything that Interact does gives back to the community and our school. We don't do much of anything to benefit our own club, but we wouldn't want it any other way," Christy Paulauski (11) said.

Interact constantly makes an effort to brighten the lives of others. Whether it's helping out with the ever-famous food drive that rolls around once a year or simply raising vast amounts of money for various organizations, Interact certainly makes an impact on the school and community.

"The most rewarding experience of National

Honor Society is seeing the end project, having a project be over and see all what the members accomplished together," Sarah Briggs (12), NHS treasurer, said.

National Honor Society, a club filled with the brightest and most active seniors, definitely meets the quota of being outstandingly community oriented.

"I loved seeing four thousand dollars raised for Stephen Phernetton (Crown point '07). We worked together as a team. We saw the eyes of students being opened up when we put the awareness posters up," Amy McRam (11) said.

Although Young Americans Organization is only in it's second year, it stopped at nothing to raise awareness about important and influential issues

happening around the world. YAO worked together to inform and help others throughout the school and community.

Dollars For Scholars helps to provide benefits to students who work and volunteer for the community. The dedication of Dollars for Scholars helps to provide many opportunities for other students.

"Dollars For Scholars is great because it offers volunteer opportunities for students, then gives the money back through scholarships," Jana Kovich (12) said.

Clubs that help out throughout the community make a difference in even the smallest of ways. Every little help counts and nothing goes unnoticed.

Emily Ganea & Karee Hackel



N-Teens member, Anastasia Buchnat (11) packs cookies for the homeless shelter. "We deliver a basket of cookies to the homeless shelter for Christmas," Buchnat said.

Members of Dollars for Scholars sell donuts and other pastries during Breakfast Week. It took place January 28th to 31st, and they sold the items before school.



National Honor Society member, Julie Soltesz (12) paints a younger student's face at the Kohling Fun Fair. "It was a lot of fun working with the younger kids even though I had some weird face painting requests," Soltesz said.

St. Baldricks

"I raised \$182.00 for St. Baldricks. I was a little apprehensive, but I was equally excited to shave my head. I really support what the foundation does. My Spanish teacher [Mrs. Joanna Peszko, Foreign Languages] talked me into it this year. If I had my hair back, I would shave it again,"

Zenon Mills (10) said.



"I enjoyed making the Homecoming banner because we had fun. People made fun of me because I couldn't draw, but I still had fun," Kelly Forbes (9) said.

in charge planning the big event

"I don't think Senior Banquet could've turned out much better than it did. It was very stressful planning it, but it was all worth it in the end."

Krysta Arnold (12)



"Planning Senior Banquet was very frustrating, but it was a lot of fun because we went to check out Meyer's Castle, and it turned out amazing."

Jeffrey Riddle (12)



"Planning Homecoming and other student council events is a lot of work, but there are always a lot of people to help."

Annie Trincot (12)



"Planning Homecoming and the Talent Show is a lot of hard work, and it takes a long time, but when you see it finished, I feel I accomplished a lot."

Katelyn Thompson (12)



class cabinets, student council in control: the clubs that rule the school

It's the beginning of the year, and it is time to think about what clubs you should join. There are many options, but if you would want to have more control of events then class cabinet or Student Council would be the best choice.

It's Homecoming time, and the student body needs to show its school spirit. There were many ways for football enthusiasts to show just how much they support the team.

"We drew a picture of an indian and a wolf with 'LC beat MC,'" Carly Ham (9) said.

Sparking school spirit among their peers wasn't the only focus of the class cabinets.

Fundraisers were a priority in order for events such as prom to come together. The Sophomore and Junior Class Cabinets sold class shirts. The Junior and Senior Class Cabinets sold candy. The Freshmen Class Cabinet made earrings and bracelets and had a bake sale. Each of the class cabinets gave a student the chance to not only make new friends, but to become active.

"My friends and all decided to join because we wanted to get involved. It was a fun way to help out. Mrs. [Kristina] Ochman and Mrs. [Erin] Novak are awesome," Amanda Welch (11) said.

If class cabinet is not for someone, then Student Council might be the right choice. Throughout the year Student Council plans two of the school's major events, Homecoming and the Talent Show. They also joined with National Honor Society and Young American Organization to sponsor an Earth Day get-together for the school. They recieved a \$100 from the school to plant flowers in the front of main entrance.

Class Cabinet and Student Council allow students to help with some of the big events that occur. The members of theses clubs are able to have a hands on experience and have fun.

Kristen Sweeney

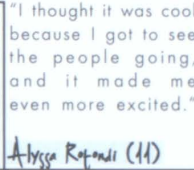
"I liked making the bracelets because it was fun, and it went to a good cause," Michael Harretos (9) said.

junior & senior class cabinets run the crazy ticket lines

in line



"I enjoyed selling senior banquet tickets. It wasn't that hectic as I thought it would be since we didn't sell as many tickets as we thought."
Amanda Crothers (12)



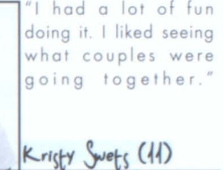
Alyssa Rapinski (11)



Kristy Swetz (11)



"It was exciting because I got to see everyone who was going. It took an hour and a half, but it was fun since I got to be with my friends."
Alyssa Goodfriend (11)



Kristy Swetz (11)

Amy Buckman (12) and Stacy Nawrocki (12) make banners for contributions for Matthew Wesley (12). The Senior Class Cabinet made posters as a way to thank people who donated money to Wesley.

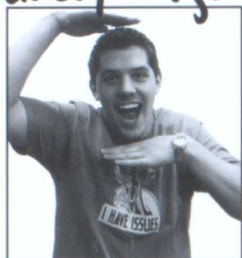
Kylie Krebs (10), Jessica Moore (10), Marina Milutinovic (10), Stephanie Reato (10) and Brittany Krstulovich (10) make the Homecoming banner. Each class cabinet made their own banners for the event.



Emily Ganza (11) looks at her box of fundraiser candy. The Junior Class Cabinet, along with the Senior Class Cabinet, sold boxes of candy to help raise money for prom.

Brittany Grantham (12) and Michelle Kelleher (9) look at the activity list for Student Council. At each meeting the members were given a list of upcoming activities and dates.

in comparison: dacapo vs. counterpoints



"DaCapo is more loose and free than counterpoints. There's no girls in DaCapo, so there's less drama," David Nathaniel Walters (10) said.



"There's girls in counterpoints and we do more functions and events. Counterpoints is also older," Haley Borodine (11) said.

The Counterpoints sing carols at the Christmas Concert. The Christmas Concerts were a formal affair that required the girls to wear formal gowns and the boys to rent tuxedos.

Zachary Adamczyk (11), Kevin Badien (11) and Gregory Cameron (12) sing "High Barbary" at the concert. DaCapo performed this song at the ISSMA competition and received a gold rating.



counterpoints and dacapo hit the right note

in perfect harmony

For Counterpoints and DaCapo, the year is filled with many practices and performances. However, the practices are filled with so many laughs that it seems like more of a get-together with good friends. Don't be fooled, these performers know the hard work it takes to be in these exclusive groups.

"Tryouts were hectic. I can't dance for the life of me. I kept stepping on Zach [Adamczyk (11)] and Mitch [Anthony (11)] during the tryouts. I was surprised I got in," Danielle Kovacic (12) said.

The singers put a lot of effort into their performances. Their hours of practice paid off when they went to their various competitions.

"My favorite performance was probably the state solo and ensemble this year. I liked it because I got to dress up like a pirate. I think it was Hobb's idea," Joseph Maguire (11) said.

An important aspect of the experience these

performers have is the tight-knit relationships they form with one another.

"I like hanging out with the people. They're fun to hang out with, and they're really nice. They're my best friends," Haley Borodine (11) said.

These people form close friendships, and often, they walk away from their performance groups with the most unforgettable memories.

"My favorite memory of DaCapo was when Tyler Mills (10) put on a dress to be the uptown girl in our dance," David Nathaniel Walters (10) said.

However, the most memorable times for these students were unscripted and unexpected.

"My favorite performance was the Holiday Concert. The Holiday Concert has always been a favorite of mine. At the Aberdeen Home, one of the guys split his pants down the back before he had to go on for DaCapo, and it was hilarious," Kovacic (12) said.

Lina Dimaggio & Colette Herald



"Tryouts were hectic. I can't dance for the life of me," Danielle Kovacic (12) said.

"DaCapo is basically the Counterpoint guys plus three more invited guys," William Jarvis (11) said.

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"Counterpoints is very chaotic, but a lot of fun. There's never ever a dull moment," Bethany Ward (12) said.



William Dulin (12), Blake Zamora (12), Justin Denton (11) and Matthew Hayes (12) all get ready to perform. Ms. Sandra Hobbs not only directed DaCapo but accompanied them as well.



Leah Cerwinske (11) and Matthew Hayes (12) dance to "Do You Love Me?" at the Fall Concert. Fellow Counterpoints Blake Zamora (12) and Haley Borodine (11) created this dance.

the counterpoint experience

in great measure



"Counterpoints is a lot more fun than DaCapo because there are women besides Ms. [Sandra] Hobbs, and we get to dance."

Michael Flores (10)

"Counterpoints helped me enhance my already mad dancing skills, so I am grateful. I've also enjoyed being serenaded by Mitchell [Anthony (11)] to 'Every Breath You Take,' which isn't creepy at all."

Coleffte Herald (12)



"I'm so glad I joined Counterpoints this year. The singing and dancing is so much fun, and I've met some really great people."

Cheryl Jordan (11)

"I'm really happy that I got to be in Counterpoints this year. I'll never forget when Blake [Zamora (12)] ripped his pants. I couldn't pick a better group of friends to do this with. Oh...and sorry Blake."

Shannon Jones (11)



"Counterpoints is fun, but it is a lot of hard work. Ms. [Sandra] Hobbs asked me to join my freshman year and I said yes. I'm happy I did."

Justin Denton (11)

"The people in Counterpoints are so close. We share common interests and we are there for each other. Our friendships will be lifelong."

Katherine Dillon (12)



ISSMA soloists in the spotlight



"Singing a solo was nerve racking and fun. I sang 'Wade in the Water.' I got a gold at regionals and at state."

Jonathan Kowalski (11)

"I sang a German piece. It was a lot of fun and kind of nerve racking. I really like singing, and the song came natural to me. I got gold at regionals and state."

Cassandra Sutton (11)



"I sang an Italian song. It was a really difficult song, but it was fun to have a challenge. I got gold at regionals and state."

Bethany Ward (12)

"I sang 'O Rest in the Lord,' a group 1 song. Then, because I got a gold at district contest, I was able to go to state. I also received a gold at state."

Rachel Cerwinke (11)



the spring concert brings a close to a memorable year

stuck in the 80's

One of the biggest events that brings all of the different choirs together is the spring concert. The spring concert has performances from all of the different choir groups and has a wide variety of songs that everyone can enjoy.

"It was a good time," Michael Flores (10) said.

The spring concert is the last concert of the year for many of the choir members. Some members had mixed feelings before the performance.

"[It was] sad. I didn't want it to be my last one," Gregory Cameron (12) said.

The senior members weren't the only ones who didn't want the year to end.

"Tyler Mills (10) is a great 'Uptown Girl' and I'm really going to miss the seniors," Stephanie Collins (11) said.

The concert was not over until the members performed to a variety of Footloose songs.

"All the Footloose songs were rolled into a montage. Fun to do," Cameron said.

The Footloose performance was definitely a sight to see.

"If you didn't go, you definitely missed out on a lot of foot loosin'," Carly Eagan (10) said.

The Footloose medley was the last performance of the night. It was a huge success and the choir members thought that it was the best way to end the concert.

"It was really nice, a great way to end the concert," Collins said.

The performers agreed that the spring concert was a great success, and even the choir members were able to

enjoy their last performance of the year. Certain choir groups still have performances after the spring concert, but the rest of the choir member agreed that they had a good time.

"[It was] great, I wouldn't change it for the world," Cameron said.

Larry buckman & kristen sweeney



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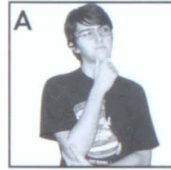
"Choir's a lot of fun and a lot of hard work, but it's worth it all in the end," Katherine Dillon (12) said.



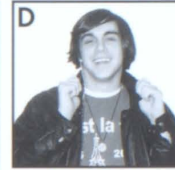


Members of the Senior Treble Choir perform in their blue concert robes. "Senior Treble [Choir] is a really great group. We have done well, and I will miss them at the end of the year," Emily Hogg (10) said.

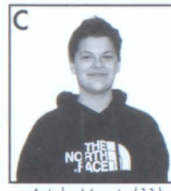
match the singer with their quote



Grant McCormack (10)



Tyler Mills (10)



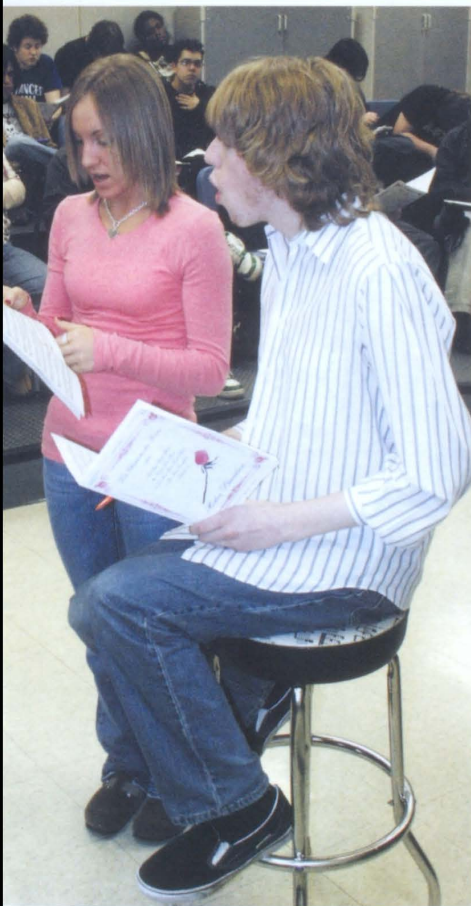
Arielle Morris (11)



Stephanie Mulholland (10)

1. "A bass is someone who can sing incredibly low and often doesn't have a lot of parts in musicals."
2. "An alto is the lower singing rang for girls."
3. "A tenor is the higher guys singing range, and a Tenor I is the higher part of a tenor, [and] lots of falsetto is involved."
4. "Second soprano is between first soprano and alto. It sings the middle part."

answers 1A 2C 3D 5B



Nicole Murga (12) and Zachary Adamczyk (11) practice singing together to perfect thier duet. It takes many weeks of practice to try and coordi-nate their voices to reach harmony.



Concert choir members pause during a practice in class. Since the choirs had only a few concerts, it was important to perfect the songs for those occasions.

Members of the Junior Treble Choir strike a pose. The girls used many arm movements and facial expressions to show enthusiasm at the fall concert.



"The Drama II improv shows are pretty awesome, and they provide good entertainment for somebody who doesn't have anything to do," Grant McCormack (10) said.

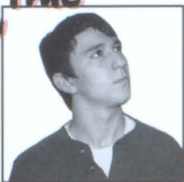
a first time



first time director:

"It was an experience doing the freshman plays. It was challenging working with my co-directors because there's three working together, but I'm glad I did it."

Kaityn Solich (12)



first time actor:

"I don't know what I would have done if I hadn't met this amazing batch of people during freshman plays."

Seth Strehl (9)



Lily Miller (12) reaches for Alexander Kazmierczak (11) during an improv game. The game was part of their "Blast from the Past" show in the fall.



Emily Watson (11) and William Jarvis (11) brainstorm ideas for a practice round of the new game "Hello, My Name Is..." The game was added this year as a new idea for long-form improv.

Haley Borodine (11), Samantha Crowley (12), Emily Watson (11), Lily Miller (12) and Zachary Adamczyk (11), members of Dramatic Addicts, hit a pose as they play "Slideshow." The game involves the actors posing in an interesting way while one person in their group explains what each one is doing.



"I always go to the shows to support my friends in Drama II, but they're a lot of fun, so I'd go anyways," Danielle Kovacic (12) said.

Hannah Nava (9), Taylor Rimmel (9), and Faith Donovan (9) practice a scene for their freshman play, "Murder Well Rehearsed." The show was about a murder mystery play gone wrong.

William Dulin (12) poses while his improv group takes their turn playing "Slideshow." "The show went really well, and it makes me feel great to make everybody laugh so hard," Dulin said.



favorite improv game

in detail



"I like the Dating Game. I enjoy playing a valley girl. It's also the easiest game to play."

Samantha Raab (12)

"Phrases, because it is funny to watch the person make something out of two random, different things."



Anastasia Buchnaff (11)



"I love all the games, because you can express yourself, and show your own personality and charisma."

Alexander Kasmierczak (11)

"Props, because no matter what kind of object you have, you can make it into anything you want, and it's fun to play with different people."



Amanda Croge (12)

advanced improv add new game to their repertoire

in with the new

Every month or so, two groups of students get ready to put on a show in front of crowds of their friends and family...and they have no idea what they're going to do.

Lack of preparation? No, these students are in Mrs. Pamela Neth's Drama II class and are in their very own improv groups.

This year, a new improv game was added to the curriculum. The game, "Hello, My Name Is" is a new version of long-form improv.

Rachael Prendergast (12), a second-year Drama II student, explains the difference between the type of improv that is commonly performed and long-form improv.

"It's improv that lasts from anywhere from five to ten minutes. You have to establish a lot more and have a lot more done in the scenes,"

Prendergast said.

Mitchell Anthony (11), a first-year Drama II student, details the origins of the new game.

"Mrs. Neth's husband [Mr. Ryan Neth] first performed the game in an improv group called

Tomfoolery during the summer," Anthony said. "Mrs. Neth liked it, and she decided to teach it to her students."

The rules of "Hello, My Name Is" are very simple. The group calls up one member of the audience to tell a little

bit about their life, and then from that information they create commercials, monologues and scenes based on it.

Taking improv with her after high school, Prendergast will be attending Columbia University in Chicago, and will be interning Second City, a top comedy club, this coming fall.

"Improv is a great way to express yourself using comedy," Prendergast said.

Emily Hogg & Lana Kaptur



"Improv is a great way to express yourself using comedy," Rachael Prendergast (12) said.

"It's going really good. We're going slower than last year. It's been hard with the heat," Chelsea Migler (11) said.

out of school hours

The members of Color Guard put forth a lot of time, effort and hard work. Practice is strenuous at times, but they are dedicated and enjoy being a part of the Color Guard team.

"I think the hardest part about Color Guard would be all the multitasking involved," Christina Pruitt (12) said.

Between all the twirling of flags and rifles, the dancing and the moving they have to do, getting the routines down can take a lot of hard work. As a result of all the practicing in 8th hour on white days, after school for four hours on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, it pays off when Color Guard performs.

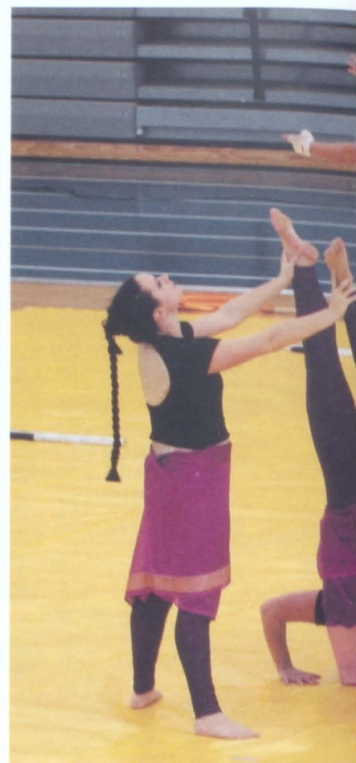
"I would say the highlight of this year so far would be our Nashville performance. We had an amazing run and took 1st place," Pruitt said.

Color Guard has anticipated rivalries just like any other competing team does.

Beatrice Miller (12) practices her timing in the freshmen center. It's important that everyone on the team has the correct timing so the flags are all in the air at the exact same moment.



Victoria Wallace (9) and Rebecca Schymanski (11) clean up after performing at Homecoming. The flags were neatly rolled up to protect them from getting damaged.



hard work makes for a successful and memorable year

"Right now Marion Catholic is our biggest competition. It's a healthy rivalry though," Lacey Carlson (12) said.

As the end of the year approaches, the seniors on the team begin to think about life without color guard and what they will miss about it all.

"I will definitely miss the people. I've met some really incredible people who I'll never forget," Carlson said.

"I will miss all the people and memories made throughout the years," Pruitt said.

For some, they will continue to be in color guard and make memories, for others the tour ends here and comes with mixed feelings.

"Color guard has been the most challenging thing I've ever done. It's mentally, emotionally and physically draining, but it is worth all the time and effort. Performing a show and really maxing it out feels amazing. I've never felt anything so awesome," Carlson said.

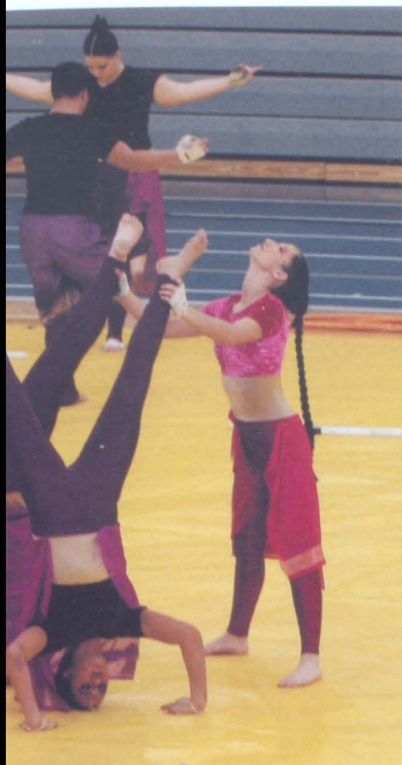
—amy buckman & courtney broadhead



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"As a group, we've progressed a lot since we've started and together we keep improving," Elizabeth Jelewski (12) said.



The members of the Color Guard get in place to perform at the Lake Central competition. This was the starting pose that the show opened up with.

Desiree Meyer (11) practices tossing her rifle in the air. Practicing the tosses was very crucial because missing or catching it incorrectly can result in injury.

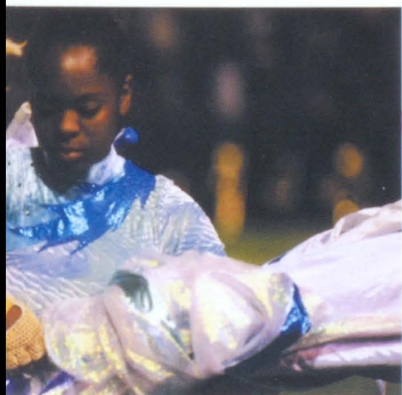


Jordyn Shields (9), Kerri Clark (10) and Brandon Hyzy (11) gather all the flags off the football field after their halftime performance. The team has to sort the flags after every show.



Coach Alan Buzalski gives some last minute advice as the team gathers nervously around him. After his pep talk, the team was ready to take the floor.

Kaitlyn Pleasants (9) carries several flags that were all used during one performance. The team was all decked out in their blue and white uniforms that went along with the marching band's "Hydrology" show.



"It's a lot of fun. Competitions are amazing, and it's a lot of work, but it pays off."
Araceli Barrientez (9) said.

season highlights

in detail



"I'd say the highlight of our season would be when we went down to Nashville, TN, and we jumped up 5 points from prelims to finals. It felt amazing."

Chelsea Migler (11)

"This year's guard is doing really well. We have made finals at all our competitions, but the best part of this season so far would have to be taking first at the Nashville Finals."

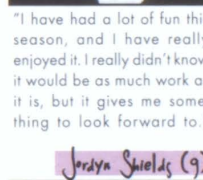


Desiree Meyer (11)



"This year has been a blast. I'd say the best part was at our two Regionals when we moved up two spots from prelims to finals in Dayton and Nashville."

Kerri Clark (10)



"I have had a lot of fun this season, and I have really enjoyed it. I really didn't know it would be as much work as it is, but it gives me something to look forward to."

Jordyn Shields (9)



"This season has been really fun. I never realized how far everyone has come. The highlight of the season would probably be going to Dayton. I had a lot of fun, and we had a great performance."

Arianna Batistatos (9)



"The highlight of my season was going to Indianapolis for Bands of America and performing in the RCA Dome."

Arianna Batistatos (9)



in costume

"I had a really fun time designing the wings on the Teen Angel's costume. I had a really fun time sewing and just spending time with my friends."

Lily Miller (12)



"The best part was seeing our finished art on stage. I helped make the poodle skirts, the cheerleading outfits and the Teen Angel outfit."

Jonathan Kowalski (11)



"It was a lot of fun. The main costume I worked on was the Teen Angel costume. It took like a million years and it had like five bajillion diamonds."

Brittany Maggie (10)



William Jarvis (11) sings "Beauty School Drop-out" to Raina Zona (10) about how she should go back to high school. Jarvis played the Teen Angel and Zona played Frenchy.

Rebecca Garcia (9) and Kevin Badten (11) have just won the Hand-Jive Contest at the school dance. They were trained by choreographer, Mrs. Sue Bourget.



Kevin Badten (11), "Danny," and Colette Herald (12), "Rizzo," dance together at the big Friday night dance. Herald ditched her date for Blake Zamora (12), "Kenickie."



"It feels like a family, and it really shows when you come together and put on a great show," Raina Zona (10) said.

"I wasn't up on stage singing songs or reciting lines. I was up on stage dancing and having fun with my friends," Samantha Raab (12) said.

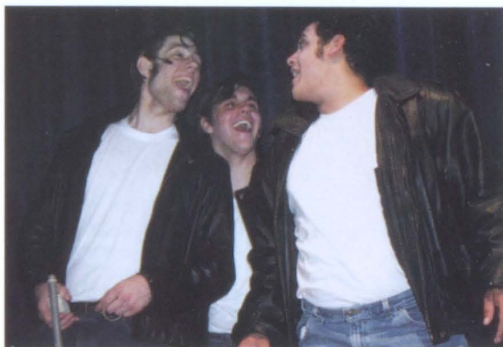
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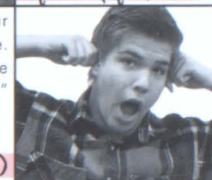
Jordan Butkus (10), "Marty," listens to Aubree Adams (12), "Sandy," who is singing "Summer Nights." This was Butkus' first lead role, and she had her own solo "Freddie My Love."

The whole cast sings "We Go Together" at the end of act one. It showed the group coming together in unity despite the characters' conflicts.



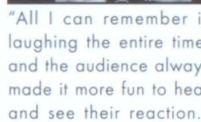
"Look at us shakin' our behinds for the people. Look how far we've come in the world."

Kevin Balfen (11)



"It was a great experience, and a lot of fun hearing the audience's reaction to our 'dance'."

Tyler Mills (10)



"All I can remember is laughing the entire time, and the audience always made it more fun to hear and see their reaction."

Blake Zamora (12)



Mitchell Anthony (11), Tyler Mills (10) and Blake Zamora (12) are singing the "Alma Mater Parody." They made fun of Rydell High School.

dancers take their show to the next level

in the spotlight

With Grease becoming such a popular production over the years, the Lake Central Theatre Department chose it to be the spring musical. The actors and actresses had as good of a time putting it on as the audience did watching it.

"My favorite part would have to be dancing back stage with all the chorus members," Chelsea Keith (10) said.

Mrs. Sue Bourget taught all the choreography in Grease. She also helped to choreograph the audition dance. She works at Fred Astaire in Schererville and practiced with the students every Tuesday and Thursday.

"The hardest dance to learn was the 'Beauty School Dropout' dance, just because you have to focus on your facials as well," Keith said.

The chorus did a lot of dance moves that were also in the movie Grease. Michael Flores (10) and Shannon Jones (11) did a lift split. William Jarvis (11) and Chelsea Keith (10) did a pull through the legs.

"[The most fun part was] probably the Hand Jive. I don't know how fun it was to

watch, but it was totally fun to dance," Jones said.

Many good memories were made as well as lasting friendships throughout the popular musical.

"[My best memory was] closing night, it was a lot of fun," Justin Denton (11) said.

"I loved a lot of things about [Grease] and have a lot of memories, but I guess all the friends I made were the best thing to come out of it," Jones said.

Courtesy Broadway & Lindsey Janiga



"I was really impressed with the final product of Grease," Chelsea Keith (10) said.



symphonic band members explain why they play

musical interest



"I play the alto saxophone, and I really enjoy it. It's fun to learn new pieces and to see what the musicians' interests are."

Catherine Baginski (9)



"I play bass clarinet, and I've played since 6th grade in Grimmer with Mr. Martinson. I like it because I like playing music, I just like being a part of it."

Briffany Marlett (9)

"I've been playing the trombone since 6th grade. I enjoy playing, and my parents like the fact that I play. I'm planning to do this next year, too."

Zechariah Golden (11)



"I've been playing percussion for about 7 years. I like band class because I have a passion for listening to and playing music."

John Mick (12)



Kathleen Lanham (11) and Katlyn Smolar (11) laugh together on the bus while touring Washington D.C. "The trip was so much fun. It was nice to get to perform out of state, and also to see all of the sites in D.C.," Lanham said.

The band performs at the Festival of Music competition. "The hall that we used was way better than ours. We expected to do much better than what we did, but we gave it our all and performed our best," Kathryn Alleva(11) said.



"You get to make a lot of friends [in band], and you get to hang out with them a lot," Jasmine Christy (11) said.

"I play the bass clarinet, and I like Wind Ensemble because the music is challenging. A lot of my friends are in it too," Audrey Robertson (10) said.

Theodore Sieffert (12) gets ready for the next piece during a Jazz 1 rehearsal. "Through Jazz 1, I've been exposed to different styles of music in the jazz genre," Sieffert said.

Andres Morales (9) plays the timpani drum during his symphonic band class. "Bands keeps me involved with my music and gives me something to do," Morales said.



jazz 1 vs. jazz 2



"In **Jazz 2**, we play music that's a little easier. It's fun, and there isn't pressure to be perfect all the time. Although the bands don't meet a lot, we know and love the different people. Everyone is friends with everyone, and we're friendly toward each other," Jacqueline Berg (9) said.



"**Jazz 1** is the top jazz band because it is made up of better players. We play more difficult music. We really don't act like we are rivals, but deep down, most of us probably feel like there's a rivalry, but we just want to go out and play great music and have fun," Kyle Bunton (11) said.



"**Jazz 2** is made up mainly of freshmen. It's more of an introductory to Jazz 1. [The bands] meet for the same amount of time. We're not exactly rivals - more like friendly competitors, but we come together as one group at the Kahler Jazz Concert," Kyle Gorman (9) said.



"**Jazz 1** has the 'cream of the crop' and we play more gigs. We often do sound recordings and make CDs too. I like Jazz band because it's an opportunity to hang out with friends and be creative without limitations," Alexander Masleid (11) said.

participation results in benefits for the future

taking it all in

If spending countless hours in practices and performances weren't enough, the members of Symphonic, Jazz and Wind Ensemble bands gain even more hours of "together-time" through the various trips they take.

"Every other year, Mr. [Chris] Harmon takes the band somewhere for experience and to give us a trip to look forward to," Kristen Flens (9) said.

On April 16, Symphonic band and Wind Ensemble attended the four-day trip to Washington D.C.

"We spent a Thursday and Friday touring, and Saturday was our concert," Flens said.

Throughout the trip, the students visited a number of famous tourist sights such as the Arlington Cemetery, the Lincoln Memorial, George Washington's home and The Ford Theater, the place where Abraham Lincoln died.

"We went to a lot of historical places. My favorite was the Holocaust Museum. We were just going through it in U.S. History [class] so it was sentimental," Megan Gjeldum (11) said.

Through trips like this and other group activities, band provides an outlet for friendship as well as a way to improve musical ability.

"[Band] was a good experience and a good way to spend my time," Amanda Mertsching (12) said.



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Amanda Mertsching (12) said.

Dedication and years of practice are especially essential to those who plan to pursue a future in music.

"I've been playing since sixth grade. I want to major in music," Gjeldum said.

In the end, many leave band with not only a more refined musical ability, but also a handful of lasting memories and friendships.

"It was fun while it lasted, but it's time to move on to bigger and better things. I'll miss all the fun times we had, but it's time to move on, just like everything in life," Mertsching said.

emily levin & karen burgos



students lead the pack

in front of the line

Imagine stepping into line, and everyone is looking at you waiting for your next call, waiting to warm up, waiting for you to give them direction, and everyone is looking up to you.

"Being captain or section leader, you're the one the rest of the group should look up to. Teaching the incoming freshmen some of the basics is also a part of it.

For the percussion there is the front ensemble and the drum line, and when Mr.

[Dave] Nelson, the percussion director, is working with the front ensemble, I'm working with the drumline," drumline captain, Matthew Siorek (11) said.

Next to drum captain stands another leader in the group, the section leader. The captain has a slightly higher position. Nonetheless, without the section leader, the drum captain would have a much harder time directing the rest of the line to

the perfection it needs to be at just by himself.

"They work together, but how I explain it is that Matt is the president, Austin [Venhuizen (11)] is the vice president," Mr. Nelson, band director, said.

"I still believe I can do the job well, but I'm thankful I have help from Austin," Matthew Siorek (11) said.

There are requirements for getting each position. For captain, you have to write an essay on being a leader, and how and why you feel you can improve the

program. Then, the rest of the drumline votes and picks the captain. Once the group makes a decision, Nelson makes the final vote.

"Because there are two percussion groups during football games, or marching band events, I can only be with one group. Matt and Austin take care of the other. I expect them to take care of the group," Nelson said.

Stephanie Costa & Stephanie Tarrant



"I still believe I can do the job well, but I'm thankful I have help from Austin [Venhuizen (11)]," Matthew Siorek (11) said.

in the mix of things

unscramble to guess what instrument these students play

a)



Katie Byrd (12)

"My favorite instrument to play is **bainram**. It's like one big xylophone."

b)



Roy Meyer (9)

"My favorite instrument is the **sbduagmr**. It's a big drum with the deepest sound."

c)



Elizabeth Kapocius (10)

"My favorite instrument to play is **enurymadr**. It's a smaller size, but it's one of the most important."

answers: a. marimba b. bass drum c. snare drum



Members of the symphonic band play at a winter concert in the gymnasium. The group played multiple concerts yearly for all to watch.

The percussionists of marching band march in unison during a hot summer day. The drumline practiced every day with the rest of marching band during the summer.



"I like to play the drums. It's hard and takes a lot of time and practice," Jordan Kowal (12) said.



Cristian Navarro (9), Austin Venhuizen (11), Elizabeth Kapocius (10), Alec Cook (9) and Roy Meyer (9) practice warming up together in sync. The group played together every day during fourth hour with Mr. Dave Nelson.

Jacob Egli (10) and Alec Cook (9) pause to watch the basketball game in the school gymnasium. The pep band would play the National Anthem at the beginning of every game and songs during timeouts and halftime.

favorite drummers



"Danny Carey is my favorite drummer because his style's very unique, and he plays in very difficult time signatures."

Cristian Navarro (9)

"Derek Maletta is my favorite drummer. He's my cousin, and he's incredibly good. His style is new rock and punk."

Alec Cook (9)



inspired

getting started with bells

in the beginning



"Well, at Kahler, I didn't want to do band, I'm really bad at art and I can't sing, so I picked to do bells because I had no other options."

Matthew Rybicki (11)

"I wanted to try something different than choir, and I knew that it would be a lot of fun [to try bells]. I just knew that I wanted to do something with music."

Abigail Melvin (9)



"I've been in bells since 7th grade, and I've liked it ever since. I like having Mr. [Dave] Nelson as a teacher because he makes it different."

Eryn Schweitzer (9)

"It seemed like fun [to try bells], and all of my friends were joining bells too. I'm glad I joined because it is so much fun."

Amanda Gulbranson (9)



bells students compare levels and look forward to upcoming years

movin' up and out

The move from Bells I all the way up to Bells III can be a challenging one. Beginning with easy pieces, that may not seem hard at the time, bells students quickly learn to not complain about the hardships they go through in Bells I.

"Being in Bells II is much harder than Bells I. I used to think [the songs] were so hard, but looking back, I realize that they are nothing compared to what I'm going to be dealing with next year," Jennifer Soltesz (10) said.

But for Nathanael Stasinski (11), playing isn't even the hardest part. He actually composed a piece for Bells III. He calls it "Fanfare."

"I wanted to expand my skills with bells. We'll be performing it at the 80's concert at the end of

the year," Stasinski said.

Although the music pieces may be easier in Bells I, the class feels that they are just as good as the other classes above them.

"We have a lot of potential, and I can't wait to continue on next year," Megan Lynch (9) said.

Not only is moving up to Bells III a big step for the bells classes below, but it is also something for them to work towards.

"We're moving up to Bells III next year, which is exciting because then we have seniority," Brittany Komacsar (10) said.

Just because Bells III is the class that is most looked up

to doesn't mean they're the only ones that get to have fun while at concerts and school.

"We have a lot of good memories, and we have fun times at the concerts that I'll never forget," Katie Sexton (10) said.

Krista Arnold & Katie Sexton



"I wanted to expand my skills with bells," Nathanael Stasinski (11) said.

"I really like playing music. That's probably my favorite part of bells," Brittany Komacsar (10) said.

battle of bells

Within different levels of bells, there will always be a dispute as to which class is better. Ultimately, the showdown comes down to this.



Kathleen Dienes (9), Eryn Schweiger (9), Danielle Gioiosa (9), Rebecca Kimberly (9), and Abigail Melvin (9)

Bells I

"I think their [Bells II] songs are harder, but our [Bells I] songs are usually really cool," Eryn Schweiger (9) said.



Jen Soltesz (10), Katie Sexton (10), and Brittany Komacsar (10)

Bells II

"My favorite part of being in Bells II is playing fast songs that I play a lot in. Bells II rocks—we're better and more skilled," Jen Soltesz (10) said. "We work hard and we play hard; that's our motto," Brittany Komacsar (10) said.



Mrs. Sandra Hobbs, Music, directs the Bells III choir in their final piece. "We always like to save the fastest piece for last," Magdelynn Pollaro (12) said.



Amanda Gulbranson (9), Brittany Komacsar (10), Brooke Burczyk (11) and Ashley Wojcik (9) use pom poms while Bells II play "Mickey" by Toni Basil. "We had really good music, so we really enjoyed ourselves and had a really good time," Burczyk said.

Bells III watches Mrs. Sandra Hobbs, Music, for instruction during a concert. All Bells III performers wore black to show what class they were in.



The bells choir uses mallets instead of their hands to create a new type of sound. Though mallets are important, Matthew Rybicki (11) still believes it is more challenging to use his hands.

informed

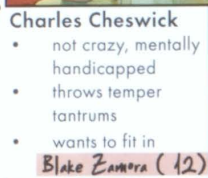
can't keep the patients straight?



Billy Bibbit

- very meek
- afraid of his mother
- has a stutter
- no confidence
- admires McMurphy

William Jarvis (11)



Charles Cheswick

- not crazy, mentally handicapped
- throws temper tantrums
- wants to fit in

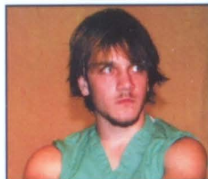
Blake Emerson (12)



Scanlon

- one of the craziest
- overzealous
- secluded at first, but becomes more friendly

Gregory Cameron (12)



Martini

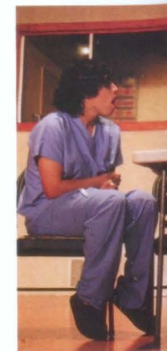
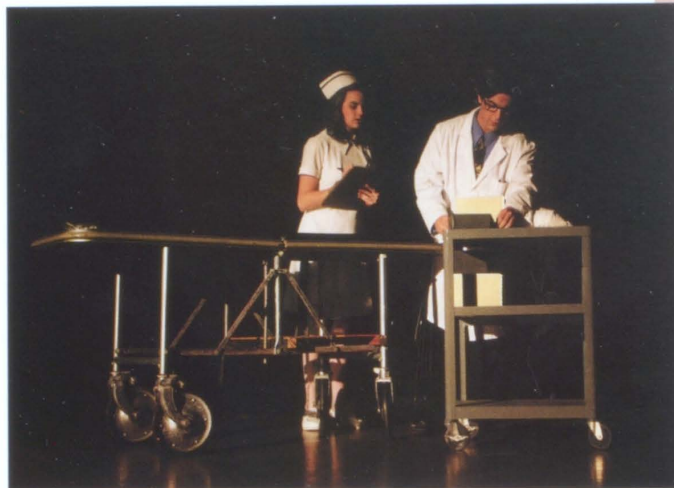
- hallucinates
- doesn't pay attention
- friendly
- spacy

Michael Flores (10)



Kevin Badten (11) rehearses his lines during a play practice. Badten was cast the lead role of Randle McMurphy in *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*.

Samantha Raab (12) and Tyler Mills (10) prepare a stretcher for Kevin Badten's (11) character's first electroshock therapy. The therapy was used after Badten's first violent outburst.



theatre takes audience by surprise with cast of juniors

out of the ordinary

If someone went to see the fall performance of *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, he or she might be surprised to see the lead roles weren't filled by seniors—but juniors, who, despite having less time with the theatre company, snagged the four main roles.

"I think it's a bit unfair to the seniors, since they have put four years in," Kevin Badten (11) said, who played Randle P. McMurphy in the performance, "but it's not about seniority; it's about talent."

It turns out, however, that there are many reasons why a junior would be chosen over a more experienced senior.

"The director knows this year's juniors are committed and devoted. It's our talent and reliability," Emily Watson (11), who portrayed Nurse Ratched, said.

The abundance of juniors in lead roles for this performance also means good things for the theatre company's performances to come in the future.

"It means that next year when we're seniors, the theatre company will be booming, and I hope the younger classes will be able to look up to us," Joseph Synakiewicz (11), who played Chief Bromden, said.

Depicting another individual's characteristics takes a lot of preparation and dedication, especially when actors are in front of a live audience.

"I think of my sister's old boss to get into character.

He was the coldest person I've ever seen," Watson said of her inspiration. "I just get into the zone of not caring."

Her character, Nurse Ratched, rules with an iron fist at the hospital, the main setting for the play. This tyranny leads to her attack in the climax of the performance.

Other performers need to go to different extremes before the final performances.

"Next week, I plan on spray tanning. Sometimes, at home, I try to speak in my character voice and I've watched a lot of movies featuring Indians the past few weeks," said Synakiewicz.

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest is about a mental patient, Randle McMurphy, leading rebellions against the mental ward's advisor, Nurse Ratched. This play had a more serious overtone than past performances, and the audience had differing opinions on

it. Even the cast members had strong opinions on the show's dramatic facade.

"I think it's a really good story. There's a lot of political and Biblical innuendos," Badten said.

The juniors have also learned a lot from their new, important roles in theatre.

"Having the lead role isn't any different from having the most unimportant role," Badten said.

Despite *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*'s serious tone, the actors overcame it and performed their best.

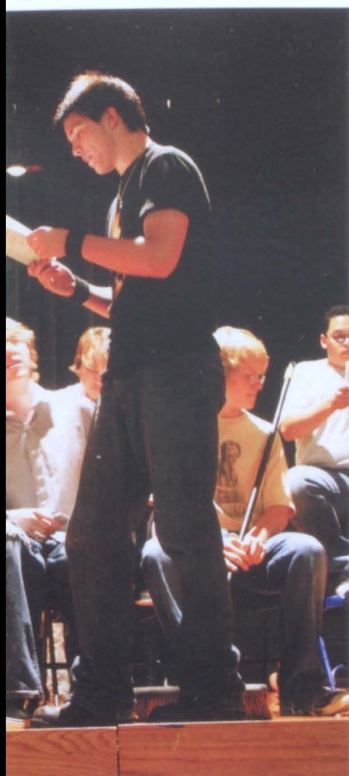
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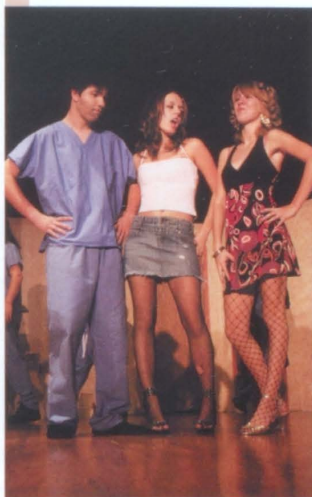
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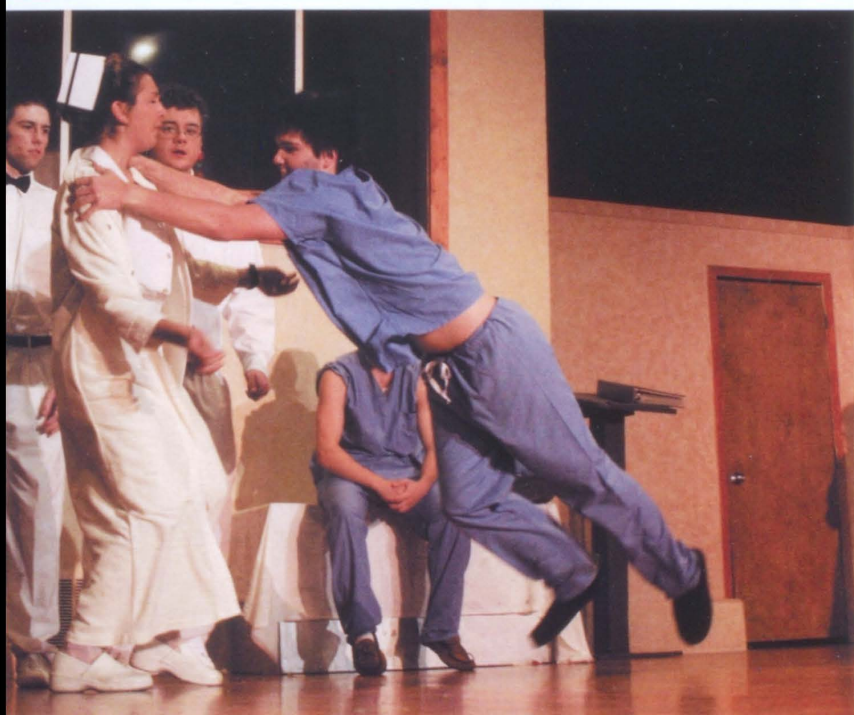
"Out of all the Lake Central plays I've seen, it was definitely the best," Ian Bartlett (9) said.



Kevin Badten (11) welcomes Magdelynn Pollaro (12) and Ellyssa Eveland (12), two friends he invited into the asylum. They stopped by for a party thrown in the ward by Badten's character.



Director Mrs. Pamela Neth gives guidance and advice to her cast during a rehearsal. "We had a really good cast. We only had to practice two days a week," Neth said.



Kevin Badten (11) attacks Emily Watson (11) after her character, Miss Ratched's, cruelty drives William Jarvis's (11) character to commit suicide. This attack led to Badten's unjust lobotomy.



Michael Flores (10), Zachary Adamczyk (11), Gregory Cameron (12) and Blake Zamora (12) discuss the occurrences inside the asylum. The patients were sharing gossip about what happened to Randle McMurphy.

Cuckoo's Nest

attendance

saturday, november 3

220 people

thursday, november 8

110 people

friday, november 9

200 people

saturday, november 10

200 people

"[I'm most looking forward to]
the feeling of a job well done,"
Samantha Raab (12) said.

what makes marching band memorable?

play out loud



"Out of every aspect of band, I love the bus rides we have during the season most. We all goof around and become really close."

Rebecca Miedema (11)



"Being in the drumline has turned out to be the most fun and exciting thing for me at LC. Being with friends and jammin' is amazing."

Alec Cook (9)

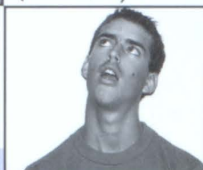
"I just have fun hanging out with friends, and we made state back to back. The trips are fun because we can just hang out in the hotel rooms."

Dane Malm (10)

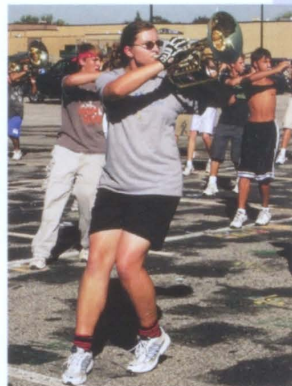


"There isn't anything better in band than all of the great times that I've had with my one hundred and twenty member family."

Michael Hernandez (12)



Samantha Bynum (12) marches in the parking lot after school. The band was out four days a week to prepare for their competitions.



The clarinet section performs along with the rest of the band. "When you perform, you have to be mentally focused, and it's hard to get everyone around you focused as well," Kathleen Lanham (11) said.



Band director Mr. Chris Harmon keeps time during marching drills. The band relied on Harmon's teaching skills to grow and improve their shows, performances and competitions.



The mellophone section stands at parade rest before they perform the school fight song on September 21st.

The band performed at all of the home conference football games.

"When we first step on the field and [the announcers] say, 'Lake Central, the field is yours' we take it and don't let anyone else have it."

Bryan Lazareff (10)

Drum majors Carlos Dominquez (11), Kaitlyn McClain (12) and Audrey Lozano (12) practice keeping count for their fall performances. "Ever since I was a freshman I couldn't wait to try out for drum major, and I'm glad I made it," McClain said.



Basses of the drum line rehearse footwork and steps after school. The Tribe of Pride practiced their formations in the freshmen center parking lot and on the football field.



"The band is closer than they were last year, and we're more hardworking," Erin Kramer (11) said.

"Band becomes part of your life, and the people become your family," Kathleen Lanham (11) said.

The clarinet, flute and sousaphone sections play their piece during halftime at the football game. The football games were a good way for the band to get extra practice for their upcoming competitions.



marching in time with Audrey Lozano (12)



"I'll miss never getting another chance to perform with this group of people after I graduate."



years in band: 4 at LC, 7 overall

favorite instructor: Mr. Harmon

position: mellophone 2 years, drum major 2 years

proudest moment: receiving the "Outstanding Drum Major Award" at the Carmel Invitational

the tribe of pride ends their season in eighth place at state

memories for life

Ice. Water. Evaporation. These three states of H_2O mean everything to scientists, but mean a completely different everything to the Tribe of Pride.

The theme of the half-time show was Hydrology, which was dedicated to the solid, liquid and gaseous states of water. While the opener and closer, "Ice and Evaporation," was performed at a fast tempo, the ballad, "Flowing Water," was performed at a slower and more peaceful rate.

Every day spent in marching band is just a small piece in the big puzzle that eventually becomes the routines that end up at competition. One piece of that puzzle involves attending band camp.

While camp is in session, the members have to be there at eight in the morning. From eight a.m. to twelve p.m., they warm-up, learn and review the sets. After an hour-long lunch break, they practice with their instrument sections until their dinner break, at which they are allowed to go home. The last three hours are spent outside practicing coordination and running through the show.

After practicing for months and performing their routines for the mass audiences at the home football games, the time for competition had approached.

The biggest competition for the tribe of pride is always Bands of America.

"[BOA] is when all the bands from all over the nation

come together to duke it out," Bryan Lazaroff (10) said.

Before they can get to this competition, the band must go to BOA Regional. Regionals is a competition between the bands in the mid-west. Once at this competition, the goal is to make into the top ten and advance to BOA Grand Nationals.

At BOA Grand Nationals, the band had to go through preliminaries against 90-100 other schools. They then move on to semi-finals where the competition is only between 30-35 bands. The best bands end up getting called to play

three shows which can occur at very early hours of the day.

"Even though it's early we still have to make [the performances] awesome no matter what time of day it is," Brittney Corley (12) said.

The band ended up finishing in the top 20 at BOA, which was a huge accomplishment for them.

"[BOA] was really overwhelming, because it was my last year. It was the last time I would get to march with everyone," Courtney Leonhardt (12) said.

Leonhardt was the section leader of the clarinets. As section leader, she is expected to perform above and beyond what is normally expected out of other members. Band has played a part in her life for seven years.

"While in band, I've learned that hard work can create something positive," Leonhardt said.

Lana Kapf-vr & melanie handlon



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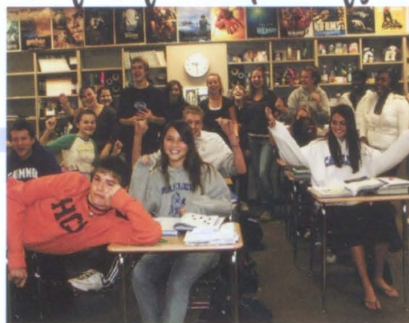
students are tested on knowledge and participation in fine arts

in the know

Mrs. Nancy Tilka's
freshman SRT

23 students

1 knew what the term "fine arts" referred to
6 were involved in fine arts,
mostly in **band** or **choir**



Mrs. Joan Loden's
senior SRT

about 36 students

6 knew what the term "fine arts" referred to
8 were involved in fine arts,
mostly in **choir**

students become recognized behind the scenes of theatre

step into the spotlight

The auditorium is pitch black as the curtains are slowly pulled back to reveal months of practicing and rehearsing. The crowd is speechless as students fall into character. Music plays and it fills the room in between scenes. All of a sudden, your focus has transitioned to the crazy man center stage. As the lighting plays the part as your guide, you wonder, "Who does that?"

"I realized I couldn't act, so I got into lighting, and I liked it," David Cybulski (10) said.

Cybulski has been given the positions of lighting designer and stage manager. He got into theatre in eighth grade at Grimmer Middle School. Cybulski has helped out with

four plays since freshman year and has designed all of the lighting for the plays *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's nest* and *A Midsummer Night's dream*.

"[Designing] is fun, exciting and relaxing. I go with what I think fits, and

"Tom is my handy man. I'm terrified of heights," Cybulski said.

The two have pulled together to deliver great lighting performances. But too often, the small, but equally important, parts of each play

fail to receive the recognition they deserve. Not many people realize these little parts of each performance that play such an influential role.

"The sports teams get a great deal or recognition, but nobody notices the hard



"The sports teams get a great deal or recognition, but nobody notices the hard work that goes into a great performance in choir or theatre."

Thomas Plummer (11) said.

then it gets approved by Mrs. [Pamela] Neth," Cybulski said. It's unusual for a sophomore to have so much responsibility in designing lighting for plays. Cybulski also gets help from Thomas Plummer (11).

work that goes into a great performance in choir or theatre," Plummer said.

Next time when you go to see a play, enjoy what's in front of you, but keep in mind that's not all that meets the eye.

Stephanie farrant, genna noel & faith patena



"Fine arts is the inner soul and the mind entwined together as one," Patrick Biancardi (9) said.

"Dance is a good way to express yourself through movement," Megan Anderson (9) said.

students define fine arts

Elizabeth Jelewski (12) performs in colorguard during the halftime of a home football game. The uniforms of the colorguard members coordinated with the band's theme "Hydrology."



"I think fine arts is good for the school. It gives students a chance to show their true emotions."

Christian Medina (9)



"I think fine arts is music and stuff. I think of Beethoven playing the piano."

Ryan Hennecey (10)

"I think fine arts are things like painting or classical artwork or it's something for artistic people."

Kristin Talaber (12)



"Every one should be able to express themselves. Some do in sports, but its good to have a place for creative expression like in fine arts."

Joseph Perez (12)



Emily Watson (11), shows off her talent at the fall bell concert. Waston has been involved in the theatre program at school, and this year she snatched the lead in the fall play.

Lauren DeYoung (11), Connie Adams (11), Nicole Brassea (11) and Stephanie Collins (11) practice one of the Trebleaire routines. They were required to both sing and dance during routines.

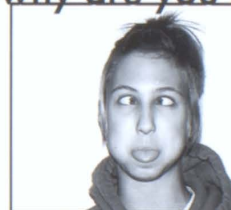


Patients at the mental hospital plot against Nurse Ratched. The cast of *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* received a standing ovation every night for their hard work and dedication.

After a performance at their first concert, the Trebleaires strike a pose with big smiles. Trebleaires is composed of sixteen girls from the top two choirs, Senior Treble and Concert Choir.



why are you in fine arts?



"I joined choir in 2nd grade. I'm not sure if I want to [join choir] outside of school. I like having it in school. It's kind of my escape," Britney Tuskan (10) said.



"[I'm not.] Bands in school are too orchestrated. I'd rather do and play what I want to play than be scripted. I don't know anything about fine arts," Matthew Dudzik (11) said.

you had to be there...

"Celine lives forever!"

The girls listened to Celine Dion on every bus ride and anytime they were together. This phrase was said often.

"Oh god!"

On the way home, the girls decided to stop and get ice cream. When they came back with the food the bus driver exclaimed, "Oh god!"

"Good morning, tree!"

The day after Homecoming Savannah Hauter (12) was overtired and was walking into practice when she yelled "Good morning, tree!"

"I love your hair!"

At team bonding, the team was making fun of Rachel Oskam (12) for complimenting Tyler Foster's (11) mohawk.

As the team stands looking up at the flag and listening to the national anthem, they get ready for the game to begin. During the last few lines of the anthem, the team would swing their hands in unity.



flying high

girls win the sectional title

The bleachers are full with cheering fans for the Indians and the pressure is on. The rival Mustangs are getting nervous because their Sectional shirts aren't going to be able to be worn.

"I think the rumor really got my adrenaline pumping. Our whole team gathered together and refused to let them keep those shirts. I think it really helped my game because I was so determined," Brooke Burczyk (11) said.

After the girls heard that the Mustangs made Sectional championship T-shirts, it made them even more pumped. To win, they had to beat three teams. The more teams they played against, the more determined the girls got.

"Throughout all the matches in Sectionals, our team dominated. We kept each other up during small mistakes, and were able to keep the momentum going. We grew more intense and played our hearts out," Savannah Hauter (12) said.

Making it to Sectionals was a big step for the girls. After winning the first Sectional game, the girls were thrilled, but after winning the Sectional title, they became ecstatic by their accomplishment.

"It was amazing! Coming from last year's record, we were the underdog, and now we're Sectional champs," Burczyk said.

Throughout the season the girls grew as one on and off the court. They believe that this bond really did help them win Sectionals.

"We really are all sisters. Some people just say it, but there is no way any other LC team could have the closeness we had,"

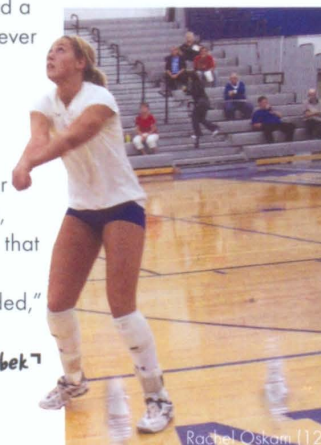
Savannah Hauter (12) said.

"We really are all sisters, some people just say it, but there is no way any other LC team could have the closeness we had. We helped each other on and off the court, that just brought us together. We bring out the best in each other to get the ultimate goal done," Hauter said.

The season ended with a sisterly bond that could not be broken, and a winning title that will forever be remembered.

"[Overall the year] was amazing. We doubled our wins from last season. We won our Sectional championship, and we created a bond that won't be broken just because the season ended," Burczyk said.

Katy Bastie & Stacy Sobek



Rachel Oskam (12)



"Seeing the look on Coach Gray's face when we beat [Munster] was my favorite memory," Kathryn Allewa (11) said.

"[My favorite memory was] beating Munster in Sectionals," Grace Myers (11) said.

in focus



The team gathers in the middle of the court to get mentally prepared. "We meet in the center before the game to give words of encouragement and motivation and to show team unity," Megan Epperson (12) said.

The team gets warmed up by forming a line and hitting the ball to certain zones on the court. This is just one of the many drills that help them get ready to play.

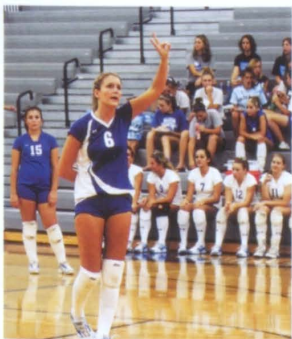


Kathryn Alleva (11) sets the ball, which is a common skill to set up the hitter, for the teammates to hit. Alleva has played on varsity for two years as a setter.



Rebecca Trzupke (11) jumps to hit the ball and tries to score. Trzupke is the outside hitter for the Indians and been playing on varsity for two years now.

Holly Krause (12) tells her team how many hitters are in front row. Krause's position, the libero, often wears a different colored jersey than the girls and is a defensive player for the team.



William McAllister (12) looks at the volleyball that just got thrown to him on Senior Night. McAllister also received a T-shirt from one of the girls.

seniors relive their favorite memories



"My favorite memory has to be seeing the look of defeat on Munster's face when we won the Sectional title."

Megan Epperson (12)

"Beating Munster during Sectionals was the best feeling in the world. It wasn't even close to being close."

Savannah Hutter (12)



"Singing Celine [Dion] on the bus ride home was my favorite memory from the season."

Rachael Otkam (12)



"[My favorite memory] would have to be beating Munster for the Sectional championship."

Samantha Michalski (12)



"Well I can't just name only one memory. My favorites would be beating Munster, bus rides, and singing Celine Dion."

Jennifer Ovanek (12)

"The most rewarding moment of this season was when we beat Munster for the Sectional title. We worked so hard."

Holly Krause (12)



"The best memory about this season was listening and singing Celine Dion on all the bus rides."

Danielle McDermott (12)

"All the seniors made my first year, as a coach, incredibly easy. They were all inviting and welcoming, and made me greatly enjoy the season."

Ms. Jenn Barfo, Mph



scoreboard 10-8

Marquette	L 2-3	Lowell	W 3-1
Highland	L 0-3	Michigan City	W 3-0
Munster	L 1-3	Merrillville	W 3-1
Michigan City	W 3-0	Crown Point	W 3-0
Merrillville	W 3-0	Portage	W 3-1
Crown Point	W 3-1	Chesterton	L 0-3
Portage	W 3-0	LaPorte	L 2-3
Chesterton	L 0-3	Valparaiso	L 2-3
LaPorte	L 0-3	Sectionals	1st
Valparaiso	W 3-0	Regionals	Round 1-L

"As a coach, you usually don't know how effective your season was until about fifteen years later when you see what kind of men your players became. But I got a glimpse of what kind these men will turn out to be, and I'm very pleased,"

Head Coach William Melby said.

scoreboard 7-5

Munster	W 14-10	Merrillville	L 3-24
East Chicago	W 31-6	Valparaiso	L 24-31
Portage	W 14-6	Sectionals:	2nd
Crown Point	L 13-24	Michigan City	W 10-7
LaPorte	W 31-28	Valparaiso	W 14-7
Michigan City	W 44-28	Merrillville	L 6-30
Chesterton	L 24-31		



The offense faces off against Merrillville, and calls a play. "Football taught me how to work with people to achieve a common goal," Jeremy Harrison (11) said.

football team defines the year

in unity



"Everybody in the school believed in us and stood behind us, even when we were down."

Joseph Olen (12)

"The family and brotherhood bond we have, trusting the guy next to you, knowing that he will do what he is supposed to do is what makes us stand out."

Tyler Foster (11)



"This year's senior class has it all: talent, work ethic, friendship, trust and unity."

Daniel Manick (12)

"I will never forget my experience on football. Good friends. Good times."

Akongwi Bonu (12)



Even in the loss against Merrillville, the defense continues to do their job as they take down a Pirate player. "We had trouble on both sides of the ball and we weren't prepared mentally for the game," Corey McNulty (11) said.



Ashley Poby (12) tapes Kyle Laya's (11) wrists and thumbs to help strengthen and support them for practice. "I really enjoyed being a student athletic trainer and caring for the athletes' injuries on the football team," Poby said.



Just missing getting tackled, Anthony Morang (12) runs the ball down field. As starting running back, Morang was required to gain as many yards as he could possible by carrying the ball.

Despite falling down, Joseph Lauer- man (12) manages to hold on to the ball. As a senior, Lauer- man started for the team as a wide receiver.



"Football has made me a stronger individual physically and emotionally," Drew Dumont (11) said.

"It felt legendary to win Homecoming," Kyle Laya (11) said.

Wesley, after #21's spinal cord injury, school steps up to help we believe.



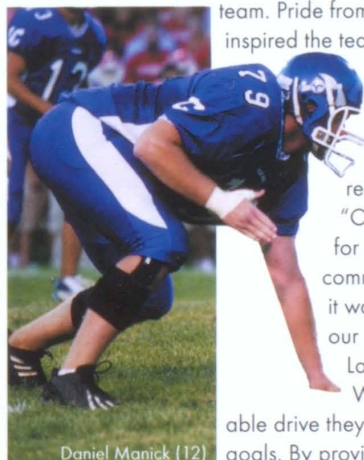
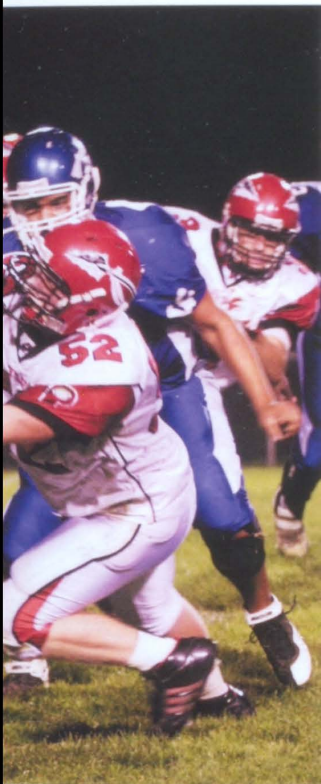
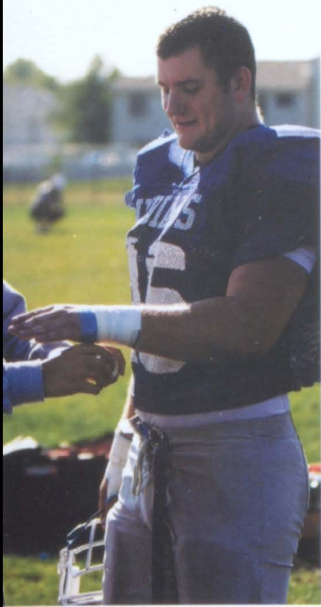
"It was ten minutes into practice and I had just gone into the hamburger drill and was walking backwards when Matt [Wesley] (12) was up. He was going in for the tackle and right before he went, his head slightly dipped. After the contact, Matt fell over, but it didn't look normal. His body had gone limp and he didn't move once he landed on the ground. I felt sick to my stomach, but I still held hope he was okay. The ambulance was the last vehicle to arrive. After it left, practice seemed to not matter anymore. As a team, we were physically at practice, but emotionally, we were still with Matt," **Troy Gullen (12)** said.



"Everyone in the community are actually good people and that showed by how many shirts Interact sold and how much money we raised for Matt Wesley," **Andrew Siguwannakorn (11)** said.



"We hope that our [NHS] selling of the bracelets lets Matt know how many people care about him while also helping his family with the cost of his treatments," **Anthony Lyza (12)** said.



Daniel Manick (12)

defying the odds

dedicated players prove everyone wrong

It's a Friday night and the stands at the football field are overflowing with cheering fans. The stands appear to be a vast sea of blue and white. The fans cheer for their home team.

"It was the first time in years we legitimately filled the stands at most home games," **Scott Spicer (12)** said.

The extra cheering from the stands gave the boys a feeling that stood out.

"Walking out and hearing everyone chant 'Doyle' made senior night special," **Kevin Doyle (12)** said.

The support from the fans wasn't the only thing that helped to motivate the team. Pride from the players inspired the team to defy all prior expectations.

"It was for our family, our teammates,"

Zachary Langbeen (12) said.

As the team began to succeed, the strength of the team was only reinforced.

"Our motivation wasn't for the school, the community, or the media; it was for our family, our teammates," **Zachary Langbeen (12)** said.

With the team's undeniable drive they began to conquer their goals. By proving themselves as a

team, they gained pride from others and a bond that sets them apart from any other team around.

"Everyone knows not one player can do this by themselves. It's a team effort and everyone needs to do their job to be successful, even if it means cheering on the sidelines to get other players up," **Joshua Hauter (11)** said.

It had been four years since the football had managed to achieve a Homecoming victory. This season, the team managed to break the losing streak, on September 21st, when they succeeded in a victory over Michigan City.

"It was a really good feeling [to win Homecoming]. Winning made Homecoming a lot more fun for me," **Dillon Jamroz (11)** said.

The team didn't fail to stop trying after their Homecoming win. They pushed on further with more will power than ever before. As the team won the first two Sectional games, they remained in a positive mind set with hope for the goal of a Sectional win. However, the team was defeated in the championship game against Merrillville.

"There is nothing good about a loss. I didn't expect our season to end so soon. It is still hard to believe it is all over," **Austen Macak (12)** said.

But really, is it all over? No. The pride, poise and team of the football players will continue on for many years to come.

Karee Hackel & Emily Ganea

inside the terms of tennis

match the terms to their meanings

1. zero points are scored
2. angled shot before before it hits the ground
3. unreturnable serve because its untouched by an opponent

A. volley

"Volley is my best shot. I use it whenever I can," Adam Wroughton (10) said.

B. love

"Everyone goes through love. It's the first score of the game," Bradley Spicer (10) said.

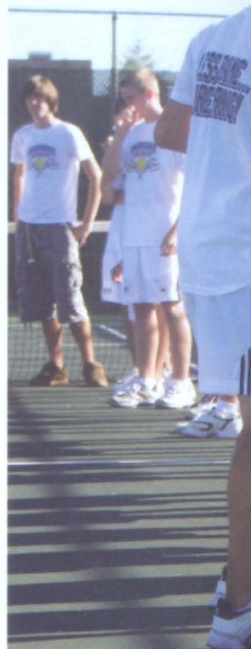
C. ace

"In my 2nd match I won by using aces, which is pretty rare," William Simes (11) said.

Answers: 1.B 2.A 3.C

Gary Snyder (10) low-fives David Woods (12) before a match. "I was happy with the team, and we did better this year than last year," Woods (12) said.

William Simes (11) discusses game options with Coach Bryan Szalonek. The coaches often came up to the players with advice between points.



beating the odds

team earns a winning season

Tennis is a sport that focuses on the individual as well as the group. This team came together to have one of their most successful seasons.

This season pushed the team to become their absolute best. The boys ended up thriving under the pressure. Despite the obstacles, the team placed third in the Duneland Athletic Conference.

"This season went very well. We had a very successful season. It was our first winning season in four years. We had ten wins. We had eight seniors, but many were inexperienced on Varsity. Coach Szalonek and me were worried about the age difference, but they ended up becoming very close," Coach Ralph Holden said.

Hard work and effort played a major role in the success of the team and could only be a beneficial asset to all of the practices and games.

"Well, with the wind it was kind of difficult, but I hit some solid shots. I was pumping myself up. I just used my athletic ability to outlast my opponent," William Simes (11) said about his performance in the game against Crown Point.

The players were pleased with both how the season went and how they became so close.

"We became pretty good friends. The overnight trips for the tournaments were fun. We got to bond with each other that way. The team did good, but we didn't go through Sectionals. I was happy with

the team," David Woods (12) said.

Looking forward to next year's season, the boys are already hopeful, and have their expectations set on high goals.

"It's my first year being on Varsity. It's a big difference being on varsity than JV. Next year I hope to play singles, which is pretty tough," Bradley Spicer (10) said.

Overall, the boys had a successful season, and have many memories to look back on.

"Boys Tennis is going awesome. This is the best run for tennis ever."

Coach Bryan Szalonek said.

of fun. They played incredibly well," Coach Bryan Szalonek said.

With a winning season, the boys ended the year on a good note.

They have an entire year of experience belt now. With the off season ahead of them, they

have even more time to polish their skills before hitting the court next season, and only time will tell what these players are really capable of doing.

Lina Dimaggio & Tiffany Pavlovic



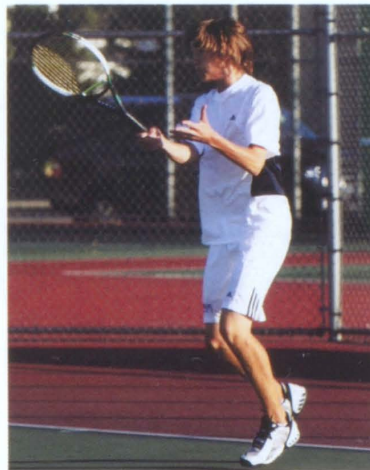
William Simes (11)



scoreboard 8-4

Lafayette Jeff	W 3-2	Crown Point	W 5-0
Lowell	W 3-2	Portage	W 5-0
Highland	W 3-2	Chesterton	W 4-1
West Lafayette	L 0-5	Valparaiso	L 2-3
Munster	L 0-5	Macy Invite	2nd
LaPorte	W 2-3	Merrillville Invite	2nd
Michigan City	W 4-1	Delta Invite	4th
Merrillville	W 5-0	Sectionals	L 0-5

Coch Ralph Holden, Coach Brian Szalonek and manager Nicole Polus (12) divide up tennis balls before a match. Polus often practiced with the team to get extra workouts for her season.



Tyler Goldsberry (12) lunges for a ball during a match. Goldsberry has played tennis since freshman year.

Bradley Spicer (10) competes in a match during Sectionals. Since this was Spicer's first year on Varsity, participating in Sectionals was a new experience.



Coach Ralph Holden offers guidance to Kevin Snyder (12), Matt Slawson (12), Tyler Goldsberry (12) and Bradley Spicer (10). "This was our first winning season in years," Holden said.

Tyler Goldsberry (12) plays during the Sectional match. The team lost the match to Munster 0-5.

The team huddles together to mentally prepare each other for the match. They lost a close match against LaPorte High School 2-3.

"Tennis is similar to other sports because you can win as a team, but it's different because you can also win individually," Coach Bryan Szalonek said.

the season summed up in detail



Kevin Snyder (12)

"The team was pretty solid this year. I went undefeated in the conference, so I didn't really have a problem there."

William Smyth (11)



"I was happy with the team. We did better this year. We became pretty good friends, and the overnight trips were fun."

David Woods (12)



"This year was interesting because it my first year on varsity. I got to play in more tournaments. My only disappointment was losing to Munster."

Bradley Spicer (10)



varsity's individual achievements

hole in one



"My greatest achievement this year was getting my hole in one at sectionals."

Brianna Davy (10)

"My greatest achievements as a junior were being a medalist for our conference tournament and the Kankakee Tournament."

Morgan Goldsmith (11)



"My greatest achievement this year was winning sectionals as an individual after a playoff hole and also winning [Sectionals] as a team."

Megan Matura (11)

"My greatest achievement was receiving the Sportsmanship Award from Coach at the end of the season. It really meant a lot to me."

Brooke Bushong (12)



"My greatest achievement was lettering [for Varsity Golf] my freshman year."

Emily Sandefur (9)

"[The greatest achievement this year was] being undefeated and going to state."

Coach Doug Johnson



Megan Matura (11) works on her putting at practice at Longwood Golf Course. The team was getting ready for the upcoming match.

The team finishes up lunch down at The Legends of Indiana Golf Course located in Franklin, Indiana. The team travelled there for the state meet.

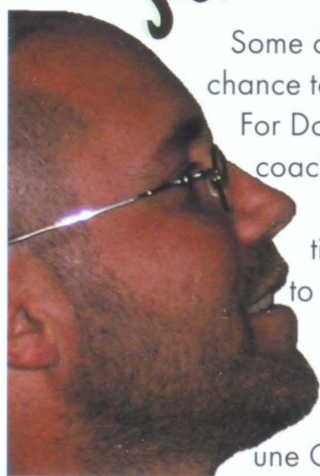


Brooke Bushong (12) practices hitting out of sand, which is one of her biggest challenges. "I really hate hitting out of the sand because it usually takes me about four tries to get on the green," Bushong said.

Emily Sandefur (9) looks to her coach, Doug Johnson, before teeing off on the first hole. The girls often looked to the coach for advice while they were out on the golf course.



inside scoop



Some coaches will never get the chance to take their team to State. For Doug Johnson, the girls golf coach, that opportunity has already come around four times. This year happened to be one of them. Not only did Johnson's team go to state but Johnson also won the 2007 Post Tribune Coach of the Year Award.

"It is a great sport [golf] because it is not only physical but also mental," Brooke Bushong (12) said.

"My whole family is involved with golf, but I stand out from my close friends because none of them play," Megan Matura (11) said.

singing out loud

girls golf sings down to state

On every team, there is always that one thing that will keep you laughing even after high school.

In this case, singing on the bus with Morgan Goldsmith (11) stood out in the girls' minds.

"On the way to matches and tournaments, Morgan singing definitely pumps us up!" Brooke Bushong (12) said.

Early in the season, Goldsmith decided to sing after a tournament while the team was driving home on the bus.

"I always sing, but one day I was really happy and broke out into song and then continued every bus ride after that," Morgan

Goldsmith (11) said.

Goldsmith's outburst of singing was soon contagious and spread through most of the team.

"We all joined in singing. Sometimes the JV looked at us like we are freaks, but it is so much fun when we all join," Bushong said.

When the girls won a tournament or a match they all sang "We are the Champions" together. They all enjoyed singing that song. On the other hand, "Hey There Delilah" was not as popular.

"We all had one song that we hated: 'Hey There Delilah.' It was just

played out!" Bushong said.

Even Coach Doug Johnson was amused by the girls' crazy singing.

"[Coach Johnson] thinks I should win American Idol and wants me to sing at his children's weddings," Goldsmith said.

Even when people would look at them like they were crazy, the girls still just wanted to have fun.

"We were on the driving range at The Legends

[The IHSAA State course] when Morgan whipped out her wonderful singing voice and we all joined in.

One of our competitors, South Bend

St. Joe, started hitting balls next to us and were looking at us like we were weird, but we didn't care because we finally made it to State," Megan Matura (11) said.

So for these girls, that one thing that will stay with them for years to come will be the laughs that they had together. For the Coach Johnson it will be the time spent with the girls.

"[My favorite part of coaching is] the positive and cheerful attitudes of the players," Johnson said.

The golf season ended in high spirits with memories that will last a lifetime: competing at the ever-coveted State meet

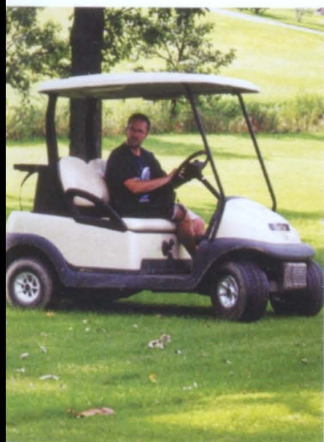
Brooke Bushong & Courtney Broadhead

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Morgan Goldsmith (11) said.



Morgan Goldsmith (11)



Brianna Davy (10) is in the middle of her back swing on hole one during a match at Longwood Golf Course. The team won their match against Michigan City, 187 to 302.



The varsity girls golf team poses for a picture on the 18th hole at Beechwood Golf Course after Regionals. The girls qualified for State that day with a score of 363.

scoreboard 11-0

Andean	W 198-226	Valparaiso	W 194-214
Merillville	W 182-240	Portage	W 181-207
Munster	W 346-389	Rensselaer	W 177-219
Chesterton	W 197-211	LaPorte	W 196-222
Lowell	W 186-232	Sectionals	377 1st
Mich. City	W 187-302	Regionals	363 3rd
Crown Pt.	W 187-205	State	375 20th

top runners recall the cross country season

in the lead



"This season was a lot better than last year. We got a lot of new runners and did a lot better at state."

Megan Plenus (10)



"Our top runners flip flopped. No one person was the top runner, so no matter what, there was always someone to fall back on."

Anna Kacius (9)

"It was exciting that the guys team made it to state with us this year. At semi-state, we cheered louder for them than ourselves."

Rachel Zajac (11)



"Something I'll remember is how we all stood in a circle and prayed between each top 5 team's names being announced at state"

Dana Payonk (10)



Team athletic trainer, Christopher Hall, helps Rachel Zajac (11) and Megan Plenus (10) refresh themselves. Mr. Hall attended all home meets to tape, ice, and care for injured athletes.

Kailey Jensen (11) congratulates Anna Kacius (9) on her race during a meet. Older teammates often provided underclassmen with support and guidance throughout the season.



in recovery injuries upset regional roster



Regional Takeoff October 13

"At Regionals, Megan and I were both unable to run. The team really came together; everyone stepped up and had a great race,"

Kailey Jensen (11) said.

"At Regionals, it was hard because I was expected to run, but I wasn't too worried, because I knew the team would step it up."

Megan Plenus (10) said.



Anna Kacius (9), Kailey Jensen (11) and Dana Payonk (10) display their new trophy for winning Regionals. Because of their second place ranking at State, the varsity runners were able to go on to Nationals in Portland, Oregon.

"I couldn't run for three days because I knocked my two front teeth out," Christine Conrad (11) said.

"It didn't matter who was first, everyone worked harder to do well as a team," Anna Bona (12) said.

Anna Bona (12) struggles for breath as she crosses the finish line. Bona was one of the top seven runners, and helped contribute to the team's success

Madelyn Jerome (11) splashes through the course at Gavitt. Runners had to push through many obstacles during races, including water, mud, and even snow.



scoreboard 154-2

Gavitt Invite	1st	Valparaiso	W 20-34
Portage	W 15-53	Culver Invite	2nd
Harrison Invite	1st	DAC Meet	1st
Michigan City	W 15-48	Sectional	1st
Chesterton	W 15-50	Regional	1st
Merrillville	W 15-48	Semi-State	1st
LaPorte	W 15-46	State	2nd
New Prairie Invite	1st	Nationals	21st

in your head

teamwork and preparation lead to nationals

"We line up at the start. He blows his whistle. You step up and the adrenaline is just rushing through you. Your mind is racing, and then the gun goes off. Everything you were just thinking about leaves your head, and you've started the race," Rachel Zajac (11) said.

This is only a portion of the suspense most cross country runners feel before their race.

"[The most suspenseful race was] state. We thought we

were excited, confident, motivated and encouraged," Anna Bona (12) said.

Between conditioning, weekly pasta parties, weekend get-togethers and a camping trip over summer, the girls were extremely close.

"It helps if you know [your teammates] better. It's easier to encourage them during races," Dana Payonk (11) said.

The teamwork paid off. Through hard work

and practice, the girls went from being 2nd in state, to placing 21st at nationals in

"We had goals set, and because we exceeded them, we were never disappointed."

Jaclyn Henderson (12) said.

Oregon.

"I was really happy with [the season]. Even if I had a bad race, my teammates would help. By leading and doing my best, the team did its best," Bona said.

Overall, the team was very proud of themselves and their season.

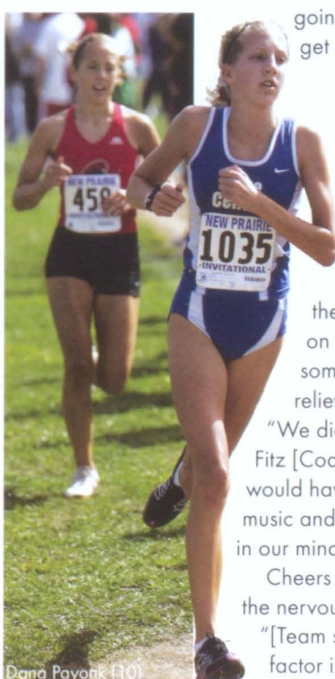
"We had goals set, and because we exceeded them, we were never disappointed," Henderson said.

The team had obstacles to overcome, but by the end of the season, they reached their goals. They came together as a team, to reach their full potential of National qualifiers.

Katie Harned & Jessica Thomas



Jaclyn Henderson (12) leads the pack of runners at a conference meet. "It was one of my best seasons. I improved a lot during the cross country season for track in the spring," Henderson said.



Dana Payonk (10)

were going to get 3rd or 4th, if that, and we got 2nd,"

Jaclyn Henderson (12) said. Clearing their minds and focusing on the race ahead was something the team did to relieve stress.

"We did a lot of visualization. Fitz [Coach Denise Fitzgerald] would have us listen to music and go through the race in our mind," Henderson said.

Cheers from teammates helped the nervousness subside.

"[Team spirit] played a large factor in our success because

inside traditions

cross country is about more than running

Exhaustion. Pain. Speed. Distance. These are all words that come to mind when thinking cross country. But what about "near death experience?" Maybe not for your average cross country team, but this team is anything but ordinary. Falling trees, lemon head fights, pranks and pasta parties would better describe common endeavors for members of the boys cross country team.

"I nearly died," Mitchell Kocian (12) said. "I was running on our course with Jonathan Sommer (10) and a tree nearly fell on us." The tree missed them and they were able to continue practicing.

One of the team's favorite meets is the Culver Invitational. There are so many participants in this meet that "Culver feels like running with a herd of cattle," Efrain Flores (10) said.

But the actual running isn't what makes this event a favorite; it's the tradition that follows. Every year, the older team members throw the freshmen runners into the lake. This year, however, Kenton Pratt's (12) mom ended up being thrown in as well.

The moms of the team members are just as much a part of the team as the runners. They throw pasta parties for the boys and girls teams every Thursday and decorate the boys' lockers before meets.

"My mom, Kyle Kacius's (12) mom, and Matthew and Marcus St. Amour's (12) mom love the sport more than we do," Pratt said.

But not even these highly involved moms could have predicted how well the boys would do. The boys exceeded even their own expectations.

"I didn't think we were going to go to state. I had to call off work," Pratt said.

The boys placed 21st at state with a score of 452. It was the first time in six years that the team has done well enough to go to compete at state. The top seven runners competed in Terre Haute while the rest of the team went with to cheer them on.

Despite the not so desirable weather conditions, the boys somehow managed to have a good time at state.

"[State] was really muddy, cold and rainy,

but the hotel was really fun," Flores said.

At state, the top seven runners had to be in bed early, so the rest of the team decided to have fun.

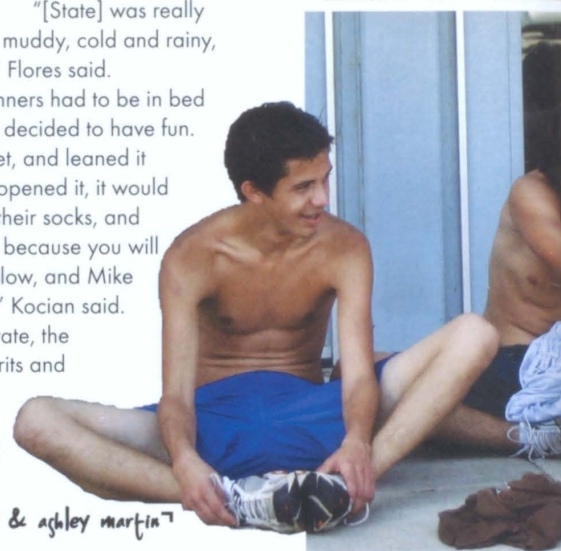
"We put water in a bucket, and leaned it against their door so if they opened it, it would get their stuff wet, including their socks, and you can't run with wet socks because you will get blisters and you will be slow, and Mike Fout [LaPorte] will beat you," Kocian said.

Despite placing 21st at state, the team came home in high spirits and viewed their weekend as a great success.

"It was the best weekend of my life," Kocian said.

"I didn't think we were going to go to state. I have to call off work,"

Kenton Pratt (12) said.



Leclerc herald & ashley martin

running side-by-side



name: Kevin Horecky (10)

best time: 17:37

running since: 7th grade

idol: Steve Prefontaine

favorite xc quote:

"If cross country was easy, they'd call it football."



name: Jacob Ponton (10)

best time: 17:20

running since: freshman year

idol: Steve Prefontaine & Kenton Pratt (12)

favorite xc quote:

"With your shield, or on it?"



The top seven runners along with coaches Mr. Rudy Skorupa and Mr. Jeff Rhody pose for a picture at the State Championship. The team came in 21st place with a score of 452.

"We wear short shorts and we like them," Kenton Pratt (12) said.



Brothers Marcus and Matthew St. Amour (12) run together at state in Terre Haute. They have been running together since 6th grade, but this was the first time that they were able to compete at state.

The team runs together to warm up before practice. They usually ran three laps around the school (about two miles) before beginning their real run, which could be as long as seven miles.

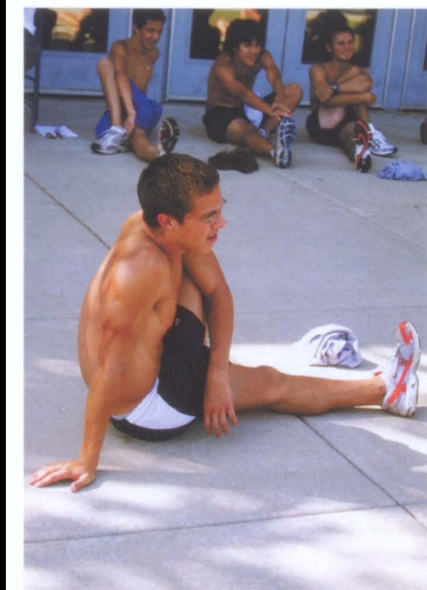


scoreboard **2-5**

Portage	W 46-17	New Prairie Invite	19th
Chesterton	L 32-24	Culver Invite	19th
Michigan City	L 34-22	Conference Meet	5th
Merrillville	L 31-26	Sectionals	2nd
LaPorte	L 41-17	Regionals	3rd
Crown Point	W 30-27	Semi-State	6th
Valparaiso	L 34-25	State	21st
Gavit Invite	3rd		



Antonio Trevino (10), Nicolas Martinez (10), Jeffery Trembacki (10), Joshua Singel (10)



Efrain Flores (10), Matthew St. Amour (12) and Kenton Pratt (12) await the start of the race. Although only the top runners competed at state, the whole team went to cheer them on.

Kyle Kacius (12) stretches his hamstrings during practice after running laps around the school. Runners are required to stretch before and after running to reduce the risk of injury.

runners share their experiences

involved



"At Semi-State, they had an open race, and sometimes people run in costumes, so I started and finished the relay wearing a dragon costume with wings."

Jonathan Sommer (10)

"You get an adrenaline rush when you're passing the kids at the end of the race. If you're going to run cross country, you need to be dedicated."

Rory O'Day (10)



"At Culver we threw Mrs. Pratt into the lake. She was the only mom we threw into the lake. She puts everything together for a lot of the meets."

Alexander Giampoulos (10)

"At the pasta parties, we play Guitar Hero II and Halo III. I beat Jonathan Sommer (10) and Mitchell Kocian (12) at Guitar Hero. I am the Guitar Hero."

Christopher Jelewski (10)

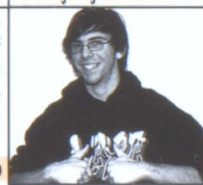


"This was my first year running cross country. I joined because I wanted to challenge myself and try something new. I enjoy doing it even though it is hard."

Thomas Paschen (10)

"I really like the uniforms. They show off my ridiculously ripped legs. They really help motivate everyone on the team to run faster."

Jacob Kramer (12)



into overtime

last two minutes determine all

An onlooker would have seen a group of girls goofing around as they walked by in two lines with a blaring boom box held over their heads. Any of those girls knew that they were headed to their most anticipated game of the season. They may have been having the time of their lives singing together, but it was more than just fun and games.

As game day came closer, the tension of the team mounted, but with very good reason.

"Our goal for the season to win semi-state and go to the Final Four in Indianapolis," Emily Peppin (10) said.

Right before the game, the coaches sprayed every girl with two scented sprays, and gave them peppermint lip gloss.

"It was a little random but it was funny and when we have fun we play the way we should," Megan Uzubell (11) said.

At the beginning of the game, the team was pumped and had their mind set on winning.

"I think we started out slow, and then realized how Penn played. After we scored, I think we kept the pressure and tried to make another [goal]," Peppin said.

The team kept playing as hard as they could, but Penn scored in the last few minutes to tie score and go into overtime.

"We were going into overtime again. It was

kinda of nerve racking for everybody," Katelyn Diehl (10) said.

The girls were going strong until Penn snuck up on them and scored on a penalty kick. This caused the game to go into overtime

"I think all of the girls were frustrated, because they scored in the last two minutes and we didn't work together as much. The overtime was the most intense part of the game," Peppin said.

Even though they were disappointed with Semi-State, the season was still one to be remembered.

"I was proud that even after we lost we still kept our heads up because we knew

"I was proud that even after we lost we still kept our heads up..."

Katelyn Diehl (10) said.

which team really should have gone to State," Diehl said.

No matter what, the girls were always proud of themselves and did their best.

"I think everyone on the team played a part that led us to success. Coach Lori told us that we are a team and we have to work together to keep winning," Peppin said.



Megan Uzubell (11)

Lauren rigg & amanda welch

The team celebrates after Amanda Garton (11) scores the second goal in the Sectional game against Griffith.

The other goals of the game were scored by Emily Peppin (10), Ashley Doreski (10) and Lauren Rigg (11).

Sylvia Pilat (12) tracks a Valparaiso player back trying to regain control of the ball. "I like playing forward because I like being aggressive and under pressure to help our team to succeed," Pilat said.



in your mind: the game of the season

"The best game was when we faced Andean in Sectionals. It started raining in overtime. It was pouring so bad. It was hard to see anyone else on the field. We still scored two



goals in only a few minutes. It was surprising, but we played better in the rain. We ended up winning and played Highland next," Samantha Cook (11) said.



high school game. I enjoyed winning that game because Highland thought they had a chance which made me want to win more," Nicole Bardoczi (11) said.

"My favorite game was probably Regionals, it was the first time I played Highland. I got in a 'debacle' with one of the girls I don't like. I would've destroyed her if it hadn't been a



Jessica Gates (11) and Emily Peppin (10) defend a Crown Point forward outside of the box. Gates, who played sweeper, was chosen for the Duneland Athletic Conference and All-District teams at the end of the season.

"My favorite part was getting ready for games. It pumped everyone up to play," Brooke Polus (10) said.

"I will remember Sectionals through Semi-State. It was fun because it was so competitive," Rachel Madsen (10) said.



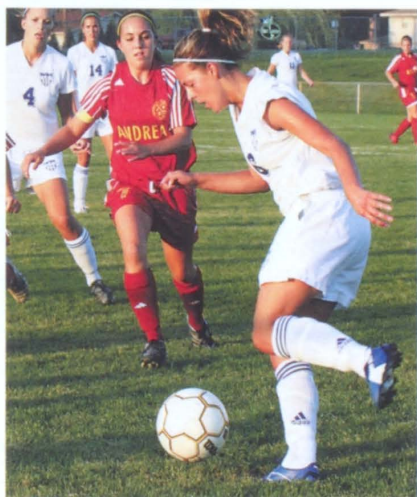
scoreboard 16-5-1

Highland	W 2-0	Chesterton	W 2-1
Munster	W 1-0	Valparaiso	W 3-2
Penn	L 0-2	Hobart	W 4-1
Michigan City	W 9-0	Merrillville	W 4-0
North Central	W 5-3	S. B. St. Joseph	L 0-3
Center Grove	L 0-2	Crown Point	W 1-0
Portage	L 2-3	Sectionals	1st
South Bend Clay	T 1-1	Regionals	1st
Andrean	W 4-0	Semi-State	2nd
LaPorte	W 8-0		



Lauren Rigg (11) dribbles the ball in the game against Valparaiso. "I played in a lot of positions, but playing offense definitely made me want to score. I love the excitement of a really close game where every chance matters," Rigg said.

Ashley Doreski (10) fights to steal the ball from a Crown Point defender. Doreski was the leading scorer with a total of 17 goals.



Amanda Garton (11) dribbles while trying to keep possession of the ball in the middle of the field. "We proved a lot of people wrong by winning Sectionals because we were told that we were a young team," Garton said.



Katelyn Diehl (10), Nicole Bardoczi (11), Brooke Polus (10) and Amanda Garton (11) grab a drink and a quick rest during halftime. At halftime, the girls had time to talk about the game before the coaches came over to give their insight.

the cheers that get the Lady Indians pumped up

in the spirit



"I love our 'Who What? Who Haal' chant. The best was when Brooke Polus (10) said the last set, it really got us focused to play."

Genna Noel (11)

"My favorite chant was 'Throw the Ball Down the Well' because it got us pumped up and we made fun of other teams with it."

Kayley Marcinek (10)



"My favorite cheer was 'Put the Ball in the Net.' It got us pumped up and all of our cheers brought us together as team."

Celia Koilbasinski (12)



"I love 'Let the Bodies Hit the Floor' chant. We would jump around while chanting it, so it was intense and got us really pumped up."

Kayla Hughes (11)

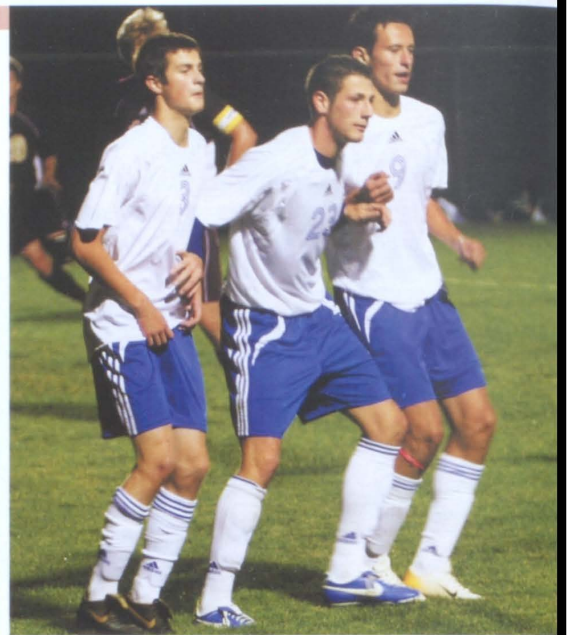


Jeremy LeVine (12) prepares to kick the ball down field. "We're doing all right this season, but we have hit a few rough spots. I'm ready to go to state," LeVine said.

Jacob Lecea (11), Shane Cloutier (12) and Fabian Urquiza (10) compete against Chesterton. "People doubted us, and we proved a lot of people wrong. I think we came together as a team and had a successful season," Cloutier said.

Timothy Huesca (12) heads the ball in a home game. "I was happy because we made it to semi-state and that was one of my goals for the year," Huesca said.

Steven Nestor (12) takes a free kick during the home game against Highland. "This season went pretty well because we succeeded expectations from different opinions throughout the region," Nestor said.



inside jokes

boys soccer team keeps team bonds tight

Scoring, kicking, winning and losing. These are all parts of soccer. Yet, there is really so much more than just the game; the players are all a bunch of characters.

"We have all been on the same soccer teams since we have discovered the beautiful game, brah," Ryan Meneghin (12) said.

These guys have been friends for a very long time, and with any friends, inside jokes occur. With this group of friends many nicknames and jokes have come up over the season.

"The OCHOS is an organization dedicated to the noble cause of defacing one ugly youth and honoring how good we all look," Adam Szewciw (11) said.

OCHOS is just one of these jokes; another is the infamous "shoooooot." Students may know that the soccer players are famous for this saying along with their finger snapping.

Since all of these guys have been friends for so long, it is only natural that they would create nicknames for each other. The way the nicknames came about are a bit of a mystery, though.

"Basically all of the names are flaws about us that we have turned into nicknames," said Nicholas Milijevic (11).

Some of their nicknames include: Nicholas

Milijevic (11)-Birdman, Anthony Haulterman (11)-The Stash, Ryan Meneghin (12)-Italian Stallion, Steven Nestor (12)-SpongeBob SquarePants, Adam Szewciw (11)-Szewciwlistic, Adam Misirly (11)-Christiano, Vincent Rendina (11)-Doughboy and Timothy Huesca (12)-anything hateful.

During huddles captain Shane Cloutier (12) says "1-2-3 LC" followed by Nick-holas Milijevic (11) saying "1-2-3 friends forever".

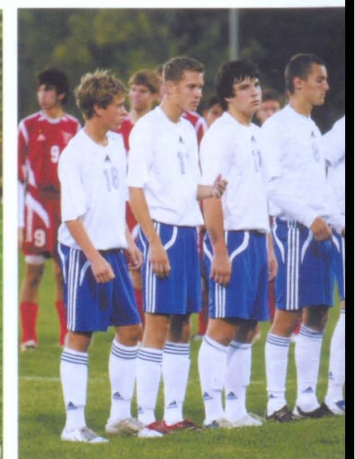
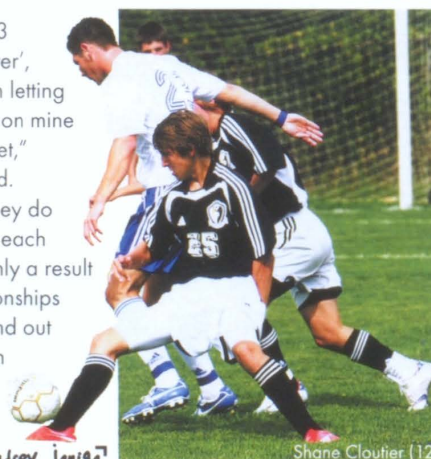
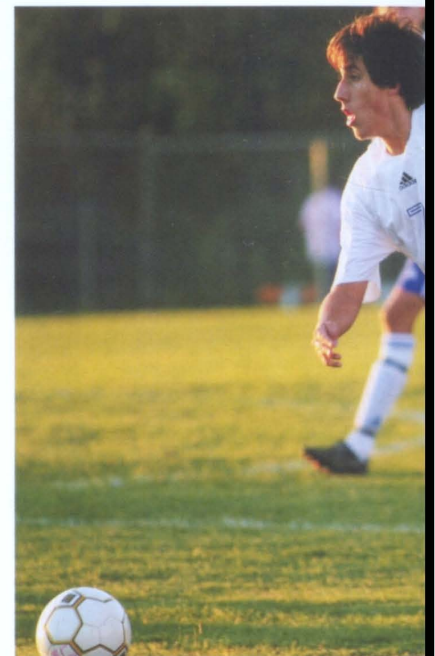
These boys truly have been friends forever. They have even learned how to say it in their own special way.

"When Shane says '1-2-3 LC,' I really feel like he's saying '1-2-3 I love you guys forever'.

So by me saying '1-2-3 friends forever', I feel like I'm letting everyone in on mine and his secret," Milijevic said.

Even if they do make fun of each other, it is only a result of the relationships formed in and out of season on this bonded team.

Livien schremp & Lindsey Janiga

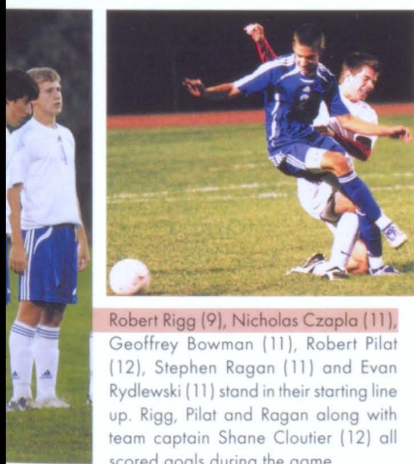


"I like to dress up for the games because I like soccer, and have no life," Robert Keough (11) said.

"It feels pretty good to be one of the select few to be picked [for Varsity], but intimidating at times," Douglas Peterson (9) said.

scoreboard 11-5-2

New Castle	W 2-1	Valparaiso	L 1-2
Highland	L 0-1	Munster	T 1-1
Michigan City	W 4-0	Merrillville	W 5-0
Portage	W 3-0	Penn	T 0-0
South Bend St. Joe	L 1-3	Crown Point	W 4-1
Andean	W 5-1	Sectionals	1st
Chesterton	L 1-2	Regionals	1st
Elkart Central	W 3-1	Semi-State	L 0-1



Stephen Ragan II (11) plays at a conference game versus Chesterton. "It was a tough season with many ups and downs," Ragan said.

Nicholas Miljevic (11) is fouled by an Andean player during the regional game. "Unfortunately he fouled me, but my 'Szewciwistic' character told me to keep going even though I was [hurt the whole game]," Miljevic said.

Robert Rigg (9), Nicholas Czapla (11), Geoffrey Bowman (11), Robert Pilat (12), Stephen Ragan (11) and Evan Rydlewski (11) stand in their starting line up. Rigg, Pilat and Ragan along with team captain Shane Cloutier (12) all scored goals during the game.

seniors give advice and thanks



"Thanks for all the great memories. You guys are like family to me, and always will be. Work hard and remember: a player is made in the off season."

Shane Cloutier (12)

"I thank you for making my senior year the best year, and I hope next year is even better than this one."



Timothy Huebner (12)



"It was a great last year. Keep the bus rides going, and get to state again."

Jeremy Levine (12)

"Thanks for a good season. I had a good time, and best of luck to you guys next year. I'll never forget the bus rides home."

Ryan Meneghin (12)



"To the boys on the team at which I used to play: the times and memories will always stay in my mind and in my heart. When I think of you it makes me fart."

Anthony Schulte (12)

"Thank you for a fun and entertaining season, I wish you guys the best of luck and always rock out."

Derrick Ristich (12)



"Our team had top-quality team chemistry; we played world-class soccer, the best in Indiana. I want to thank my squad for the superb season. Good luck next year."

Robert Pilat (12)

"You guys set the standard high for yourselves helping us make it to semi-state; I don't have a doubt in my mind that next year you guys will rise above that standard."

Steven Nestor (12)



Shout
outs

take a look inside: freshman girls on the cross country team

"It was my very first year doing cross country, since at my old school in Illinois, we never had a team. I'm really glad I decided to do cross country, because I was really nervous when I started. The entire team was extremely welcoming and nice, and we bonded so much, which was neat. For the months we were together, we all worked as a team and encouraged each other. I'm really looking forward to next year."

Katelin Smierciak (9)



"We were runner-up at State and the best team in the area. This was my first year so I had no idea what to expect. I never

would have guessed the team would get as far as we did. I was so proud of the team; we had a great season. We worked very hard this season and got to know each other as sisters. Without the team unity and hard work, we never would have been named 'State Runner-Up.'"

Monica Feustel (9)

Djordje Janjus (9) is racing to make his best attempt at boosting the JV team closer to a victory. Janjus helped lead the team to a victorious season.



battling it out freshmen compete for their spot to stand out

It seems as if every freshman athlete shares the same dream coming into high school. It's to make the varsity team by the time he or she is a senior. Being on varsity is an honor bestowed on only the best of the best, the cream of the crop.

It takes a certain talent to make varsity, but it also takes the attitude of being a team player and a willingness to work towards a goal. Finding all these qualities in one person is a rare find; this is what makes varsity the ultimate goal.

Working hard is the first step in being able to make it to the top in high school sports.

"They [girls basketball] are going to have a crowded team next year because there are only two seniors leaving," Allison Brooks (9) said.

The increasing number of students every year will make it even harder for athletes to make teams in the years to come.

Experience is the name of the game. Experience allows athletes to have the knowledge of what to do when faced with difficult situations.

"I've learned that you need to try your best because this isn't junior high anymore, this is high school, and everyone on the team expects you to make a big impact if you make the team," Christopher Pyle (9) said.

For some athletes, freshman year is the most

important of all four years because it is when they are able to learn what is expected of them.

Athletes not only need to work hard throughout their seasons, but also during the off season.

"I will play club [soccer] and condition. The club that I will play for is the Indiana Magic," Sean Boyle (9) said.

Conditioning is a great way for athletes to keep in shape if they can keep up the routine.

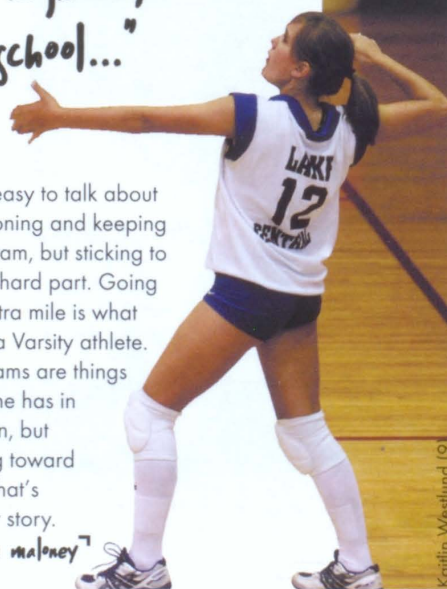
"...this isn't junior high anymore, this is high school..."

Christopher Pyle (9) said.

It's easy to talk about conditioning and keeping a program, but sticking to it is the hard part. Going that extra mile is what makes a Varsity athlete.

Dreams are things everyone has in common, but working toward them...that's another story.

Chris Einfere & Sam Maloney



"Coach William Melby says no one can run on our defense, no one can, but we still need an offense," Ryan Frick (9) said.

"My favorite part of freshman volleyball was that all the girls became better friends," Ashley DeSantiago (9) said.



Michelle Baczkowski (9) practices her putting at Longwood Golf Course. "We gave each other tips when one of us thought that the other needed help," Baczkowski said.



Anthony Albomonte (9) takes a break as he gets ready to get back into the game. Albomonte hurt his back at the beginning of the season had to sit out for the majority of the year.

Joseph Luecke (9) and Ryan Frick (9) stand talking and awaiting the call from the officials to begin their huddle for their next play. The freshmen boys took on the Portage Indians at home.



Baileigh Nosal (9) takes a bounding approach in attempt to score against Valparaiso. Nosal was named MVP of the freshman team.



Amanda Huesca (9) fights to keep possession of the ball from opponent South Bend St. Joseph. "My favorite game was against Crown Point. Tying them meant a lot because they were the best and undefeated," Huesca said.



David Picioski (9) takes a kick during the Chesterton game. "My most memorable moment of the soccer season would have been being picked for the Sectional roster. The regional game against Munster was the best," Picioski said.

boys cross country's favorite memories



"My most memorable moments were running in races with 500 other kids, because I like having a lot of competition when I run."

Matthew Tellas (9)

"My most memorable moment was running in the mud at Riverside Park because we were slipping and sliding everywhere."

Kennan Arvey (9)



kept in memory

rushing in

junior varsity players excel on their teams

Rushing towards the end zone, Patrick Robinson Jr. (11) stands out from his opponents as they scuttle after him to stop the gain of any more yardage. Behind every athlete and every team is a story waiting to be told that makes them stand out from the rest of their teammates.

"My biggest accomplishment on JV cross country was breaking 20 minutes at New Prairie," Thomas Paschen (10) said.

Two teammates on the JV soccer team have been playing together for so many years that they stand out from the rest of the team because of their relationship. They have a bond like no one else and they know each others' strengths and weaknesses which helps when they are out on the field.

"We have been playing [soccer] together since we were four years old. We play all year round and lead our team to be the best we can be," Brandon Cloutier (9) and Cody Barnes (9) said of each other.

Some athletes stand out for an outstanding performance, a funny joke or how they present themselves on the field, but others are recognized for something as little as a physical feature.

"It was my first year on the cross country team, and the team recognized me while I was running because of my blond hair. Cross country was quite

an experience because something crazy was always going on," Justin Shields (9) said.

There are also stand-out freshmen on the JV team who realize the physical and mental strength it takes to play on an older team.

"I need to work on my touch and my mental blocks for next year. I have a couple of mental blocks that I really need to get over such as when my coach reprimands me or when there is a big crowd. The nervousness really hits me," Douglas Petersen (9) said of his future soccer season.

The JV soccer team hopes to stand out from our district next year and players hope their hard work and perseverance will help them to achieve Varsity status.

"I am excited about having the chance to make Varsity next year because we could make it to state. It will be nice to go down there, and get the letter on my jacket. Plus, the team is a lot of fun. We're just a bunch of hooligans," Shields said.



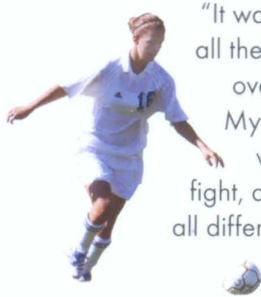
Justin Shields (9)

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Morgan Goldsmith

freshmen earn junior varsity time

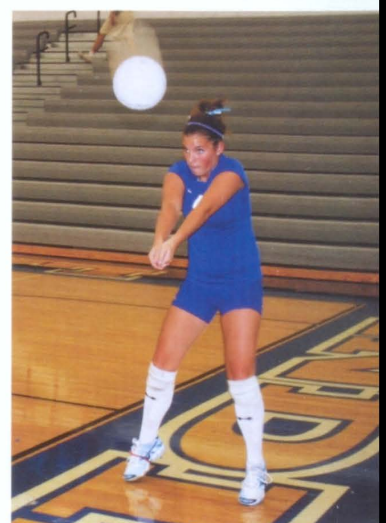
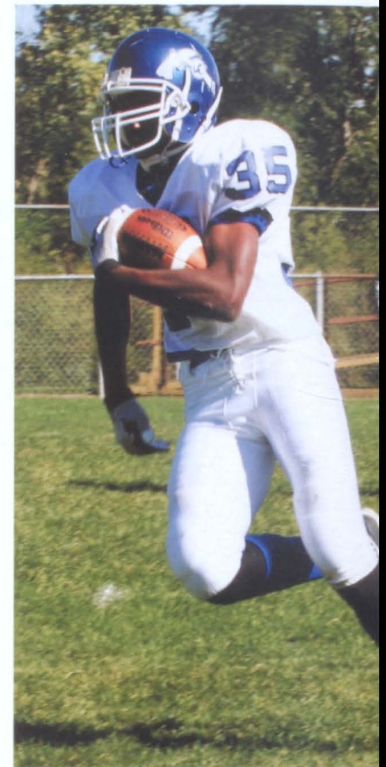
"I knew that I was going to make junior varsity because there is no freshman team, but I also played on varsity which was what I was excited about. I learned a lot by playing with the older kids. My most memorable moment was scoring the last penalty kick at Regionals against Munster. It was awesome, and everyone was getting rowdy," Cody Barnes (9) said.



"It was exciting to make junior varsity and to meet all the girls. It was also exciting to see how we did overall and the progress we'll make as a team. My most memorable moment was at sectionals when Nicole Bardoczi (11) almost got into a fight, and my biggest accomplishment was playing all different positions such as: midfield, defense and forward," Erica Sardiella (9) said.

Joseph Stecyk (12) returns the ball during warm-ups before he competed against LaPorte. Along with being on the boys tennis team, Stecyk was also a manager for the girls team.

JV volleyball huddles before the start of the game. The team mimicked the varsity team by doing the "Indians Chant" to pump each other up for the game.



"Before every [soccer] game we had a pep talk, and talked about our strengths and weaknesses," Nikolina Ajder (10) said.

"The team is doing good this year. We improved in team chemistry, and we worked a lot better as a team," Erik Bisson (10), cross country, said.



iv athletes share their accomplishments

insight



"My greatest accomplishment on cross country this year was trying something new, being on the team and making a lot of new friends."

Alyssa Markiewicz (9)

"My biggest accomplishment during tennis this year was lettering and having a good record for winning matches."

Adam Meeker (9)



"My greatest accomplishment on junior varsity golf was improving my score and playing in varsity events at the beginning of the season."

Jennifer Pufahl (9)



"My biggest accomplishment on junior varsity cross country was breaking twenty minutes at New Prairie."

Thomas Paschen (10)



Patrick Robinson Jr. (11) speeds away from the LaPorte defenders. The JV team defeated the Slicers for a win which added to their final record of 6 and 3.

Amber Zendzian (10) and Amanda Huesca (9) stretch their hamstrings to warm-up before their game against South Bend St. Joseph. "We played well and improved a lot," Huesca said.



Kristin McDermott (10) practices passing before their game. McDermott peppered with a partner because passing was what she was most responsible for as a defensive specialist.

Doug Petersen (9) works to get the ball back from the Trojans. The JV boys soccer team defeated Chesterton to continue their winning streak during the first half of their season.

an inside look Hillary Anthony (11)

sport: cross country

biggest accomplishment: going to Nationals in Oregon

most memorable moment:

when our team got 2nd at State

goal for next year:

to place in the top 3 at State



"[Basketball games] are fun and exciting to be at. My adrenaline flows when my best friends touch the court," Frank Ruvoli (11) said.

dave's disciples

With seconds to go, the shot is taken, the ball swishes through the net, the buzzer sounds and the crowd storms the court. This is the ending to a game that every superfan can only hope for.

It's the school spirit to demolish the foe that brings many students to highly anticipated games like games against rivals, but there seems to be one group that doesn't only go to these rivalry games. They're in the front row all the time. They are the Dave's Disciples.

The Disciples are made up of 12 senior boys who started the group for the basketball season. The name "Dave Disciples" came from the head boys Varsity coach's name, Mr. David Milausnic.

"Tyler Ferree (12) picked the people who he felt would cheer

well, who went to the football games all the time. A lot of the guys in the Disciples used to play on the basketball team," William McAllister (12) said.

More importantly than who would be the loudest fan, they are there to support the team.

"The main point is that all of our friends are on the team," Ryan Meneghin (12) said.

Outgoing and animated can be obnoxious, but it has its place in a packed gym.

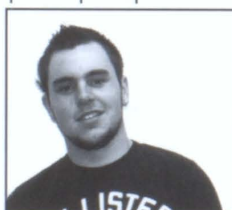
"This group of seniors is a fun group to have around for four years, so it's a good time having them out at the games. Anytime kids get involved it's a good idea. Anytime there is a bunch of kids out at the games it's a lot of fun," head coach, Mr. David Milausnic said.

members

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| #1 Tyler Ferree (12) | T-Money |
| #2 Kyle Duncan (12) | K-Dunk |
| #3 Eric Lebyrk (12) | Keebs |
| #4 Brian McNamara (12) | B-Mac |
| #5 Stevan Alavanja (12) | Broski/Chode |
| #6 Justin Tuerff (12) | The Godfather |
| #7 Justin Haviar (12) | Havi |
| #8 Andrew Beneturski (12) | Meals |
| #9 William McAllister (12) | Bitty |
| #10 Ryan Meneghin (12) | The Don |
| #11 Devin DeYoung (12) | Playboy |
| #12 Joseph Kawa (12) | Kawa |

a disciple's perspective

in the crowd



"At the time [Crown Point] was ranked 2 in the region and 5 in the state, and we beat them, so it felt pretty good."

Justin Tuerff (12)

"I despise Crown Point and hate Munster, so watching them both lose solidified my senior year."

Brian McNamara (12)



"The best game of the season was at Munster because Summers had the last winning shot"

Kyle Duncan (12)

"[My favorite game was] the home game against Crown Point because [Nicholas] Garibay's (12) buzzer beater, and it was Sandor's Angels debut."

Eric Lebyrk (12)



Top: Joseph Kawa (12), Justin Tuerff (12), Eric Lebyrk (12), Stevan Alavanja (12), (12), Brian McNamara (12), William McAllister (12); Middle: Abby Tudor (12), Jennifer Simac (12); Bottom: Tyler Ferree, Devin DeYoung (12)



Clockwise from Left: Brian McNamara (12), Ryan Meneghin (12), Justin Tuerff (12), Joseph Laueran (12), Justin Haviar (12), Zachary Langbeen (12), Eric Lebyrk (12), Tyler Ferree (12), Devin DeYoung (12)

"Basketball games are exciting and they can get intense. The squeaky noises from their shoes annoy me," Crista Pyrz (9) said.



Justin Haviar (12), Andrew Beneturski (12), Kyle Duncan (12), Ryan Meneghin (12), Lauren Phillips (12), Daniela Lazarevic (12), Nicole Moon (12), Tara Davis (12)

sandor's angels

After shortlived fame, the Dave's Disciples were to find company in the front row. The Sandor's Angels had stepped into the Disciples' territory and the spotlight. This name comes from Mr. Jeff Sandor, the assistant Varsity boys basketball coach.

"It started as a joke. We just wanted to have fun," Tara Davis (12) said.

Sandor's Angels all began at the Crown Point basketball game.

"We just went really early to get the front row," Abby Tudor (12) said.

The intent of the Sandor's Angels was not to try to be the superfans that the Disciples were.

"It started to get back at the guys because they were really obnoxious at the games," Tudor said.

The guys were surprised when they found the girls standing in their courtside domain.

"They basically used a few choice words to show how unhappy they were that we were in the front row," Jennifer Simac (12) said.

That night there was more than the longstanding Crown Point rivalry taking place. It seemed a new competitive rivalry, a battle of the sexes, was just starting to begin.

"At first they were very angry because we took their spot on the front where no one else could go," Davis said.

After the initial shock was over, the Disciples saw the humor and laughed it off from the second row.

"They did give us props for the idea though," Simac said.

Lauren rigg, Katie harned & Amanda welch

members

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| #1 Jennifer Simac (12) | Jiddy |
| #2 Holly Krause (12) | Hoolio |
| #3 Lauren Phillips (12) | Playgirl |
| #4 Daniela Lazarevic (12) | The Dons |
| #5 Jessica Bathurst (12) | Jass |
| #6 Lauren Petersen (12) | Pete |
| #7 Danielle McDermott (12) | Dani |
| #8 Nicole Moon (12) | N-Money |
| #9 Tara Davis (12) | Tats |
| #10 Rachael Oskam (12) | RayRay |
| #11 Abby Tudor (12) | Toots |
| #12 Katilyn Alilovitch (12) | Allio |



Tara Davis (12), Lauren Phillips (12), Daniela Lazarevic (12), Nicole Moon (12), Jennifer Simac (12) and Abby Tudor (12)

looking through the angels' eyes



"[My favorite game was against] Munster because we stormed the court. It was awesome."

Rachel Oskam (12)

"[My favorite game was] the Crown Point game because it was the first time Sandor's Angels came out and the Daves were very upset."

Lauren Phillips (12)



"The home Crown Point game [was the best]; we got there first and got front row, and we won in the last few seconds."

Lauren Petersen (12)

"[My favorite game was] the Munster game. It was fun to storm the court after we won with a last second shot from [Eric] Summers (11)."

Holly Krause (12)



in the stands

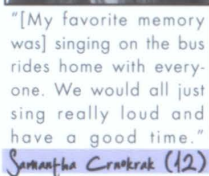
seniors recall their favorite memories

in touch



"My favorite memory was the pasta parties. We were extremely close this year. We always had a ton of fun."

Samantha Michalski (12)



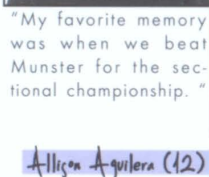
"[My favorite memory was] singing on the bus rides home with everyone. We would all just sing really loud and have a good time."

Samantha Crankrak (12)



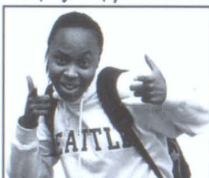
"Singing Celine [Dion] on the bus ride home was my favorite memory."

Savannah Hauger (12)



"My favorite memory was when we beat Munster for the sectional championship."

Allison Aguilera (12)



"[My favorite memory was] probably when [Mrs. Leslie] Iwema put on underwear over her clothes before the sectional game."

Krystal Coleman (12)

Teammates watch the game and were encouraged to cheer from the bench. One way the team bonded this year was by having pasta parties before games.



Krystal Coleman (12) guards the opposing player from Chesterton as she brings the ball up the floor. The team played the Trojans twice and were unfortunately defeated both times.

The team stops to take a drink during a timeout. The school athletic trainer, Christopher Hall, provided water for the girls at every timeout and at halftime.



scoreboard 9-13

Hamilton SE	L 32-52	Michigan City	L 34-60
Carmel	L 52-77	Portage	W 55-50
Michigan City	L 36-68	LaPorte	W 50-31
Highland	L 30-50	Crown Point	W 52-43
LaPorte	L 42-43	Lowell	W 61-28
Munster	L 39-46	Merrillville	L 42-57
Valparaiso	L 44-49	Valparaiso	L 47-59
Crown Point	W 51-48	Chesterton	L 35-51
Chesterton	L 46-50	Portage	W 48-39
Merrillville	W 64-57	Munster	W 56-45
East Chicago	W 72-30	Gary West	L 44-47

"I would change the outcome of sectionals. It would have finished the season nicely," Grace Myers (11) said.

Carolyn Sandrick (9) looks to pass during the game versus Valparaiso. Sandrick led in free throws and was the only freshman that made Varsity.



Allison Aguilera (12) looks to pass the ball in from the baseline. Aguilera has played every year of her high school career.

in the moment

traditions and sectionals make memories

To some, sectionals is just another game to forget about. But for others, it's much more than that. For the girls basketball team, the sectional games are what they live for.

Every team has those special traditions that they follow. For these girls, it was a specific song.

"We always sang 'Oh Happy Day' all the time. We sang it before practice, before games and some-times even during games," Krystal Coleman (12) said.

Along with singing their favorite song,

they also had specific get-togethers to prepare for the upcoming game.

"We have pasta parties before games," Grace Myers (11) said.

Traditions help the athletes focus on the upcoming games, and it also allows them to have fun and bond as a team.

"[We] prayed before games," Brooke Polus (10) said.

Some girls also have ways of getting focused for the games by themselves.

"I listen to music and watch movies before games," Myers said.

"We always sang 'Oh Happy Day' all the time. We sang it before practice, before games and some-times even during games."

Krystal Coleman (12) said.

Praying and listening to music are two very popular ways that athletes get focused for games.

There are always a select few moments

during a season that an athlete will remember a little more than others.

"[My most memorable moments were] winning our first game in overtime, beating Merrillville and getting to the final sectional game," Myers said.

The girls basketball team made it to the sectional championship. Unfortunately, they lost to Gary West Side.

Although they fell a game short of their goal this year, they are already looking ahead to next season.

They are hoping to make another run for the sectional championship next season, and are looking to make next season one of the best seasons they will have for a while.

Chris Einfers & Faith Patena

varsity rookie

what was your first year on varsity like?



"At first, I was kind of scared to play with the older girls, but eventually it was fun. I fit in with everyone and had a great year," Brooke Polus (10) said.

"The biggest thing that happened [to me] was when I won the sportsmanship award," David Samardzija (11) said.

Kirk Thompson (12) shoots a free throw against Gary West Side. This took place during the sectional game, which unfortunately resulted in a loss.



Coach Dave Milausnic goes over game strategies during a timeout. "Coach never gave up on us and would always concentrate on the next game," Zachary Felton (11) said.

Nicholas Garibay (12) tries to defend a member of Valparaiso. The team played the Vikings twice and unfortunately were unsuccessful in achieving a victory.



Kyle Scheffel (11) dribbles the ball around the team's rivals, Munster. Eric Summers (11) made the last second shot to win this game against the Mustangs.



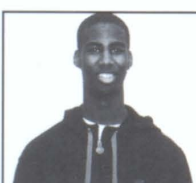
varsity's individual achievements

in-bounds



"My most memorable moment was beating Crown Point for the second time at home."

Coach Dave Milausnic



"Beating Munster by a last second shot was the team's biggest achievement this year."

Kirk Thompson (12)

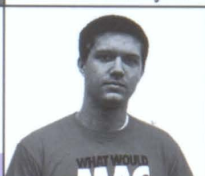


"Running through the giant Senior Night poster was my most memorable senior moment."

Anthony Washington (12)

"Beating Crown Point was the best moment this year, since we have played them since seventh grade and hadn't beaten them until this year."

Ryan Schweitzer (12)



"The biggest moment this year was getting the winning shot against Crown Point."

Nicholas Garibay (12)



"The most memorable moment was watching the group progress through a system for four years and grow into young men."

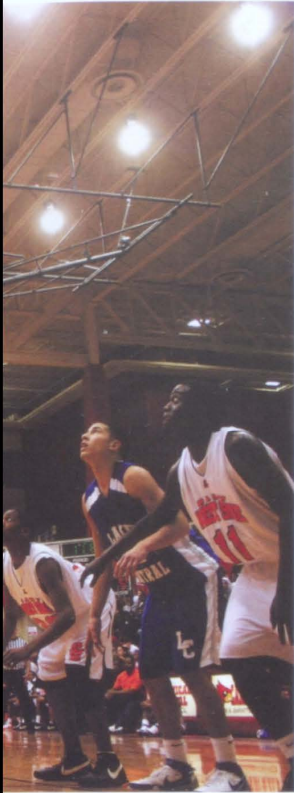
Coach Jeff Sander



"As a team we want to accomplish winning sectionals, the DAC and playing together next year," Kyle Kaluza (11) said.

conquering rivals

Victories over crown point and munster



After already beating Crown Point once, the competitive players faced their rivals once more. The game was down to the wire. The scores were tied, and Nicholas Garibay (12) came through with a last second shot to win the game, a second time for the Indians.

"Crown Point was our biggest competition because no one thought we had a chance,"

Kyle Kaluza (11) said.

"Our biggest competition is either Munster or Crown Point because they are a huge rivalry, and if we lose, it's a hard loss," Eric Summers (11) said.

Rivalries are always intense, especially when the other team is very intimidating.

"Crown Point was our biggest competition because no one thought we had a chance when we played them, and they were ranked high in the top ten," Kyle Kaluza (11) said.

However, there comes a

point when the two rivals meet, and someone has to win.

"Beating Crown Point was the biggest event this year, and it was even better because we were the

underdogs in both games," Kyle Scheffel (11) said.

Everyone on the team was ecstatic after beating a rival they never had before, but beating them twice just heightened the effect.

"The feeling was unexplainable because both games weren't supposed to come close, at least that's what other people thought, and we played amazing and got two wins," Summers said.

Basketball is an extremely intense sport, particularly when schools have such tough rivals towards one another.

"One word that describes Varsity basketball is competitive," Scheffel said.

"I felt like we gave it our all and we got a lot out of both of those games, not only as players, but as people," Kaluza said.

Stacy Gubek & Annemarie Rompe



Eric Summers (11)



Anthony Washington (12) sets up his free throw shot. "[My favorite part about coaching the seniors was] watching the group progress through a system for four years and grow into young men," Coach Jeff Sandor said.



Zachary Felton (11) looks to pass the ball to Eric Summers (11) or Keith Thompson (10) against Lowell's defense. "We look forward to pay-back against Lowell," Thompson said.

scoreboard 9-12

Gary West	L	36-41	Portage	W	63-51	Portage	W	65-52
Valparaiso	L	29-35	LaPorte	W	69-67	East Chicago	L	49-67
Crown Point	W	52-47	Highland	W	56-32	Valparaiso	L	37-42
Chesterton	L	53-67	Crown Point	W	49-47	Michigan City	W	65-53
Merrillville	L	48-51	Lowell	L	38-54	Gary Roosevelt	W	49-46
Munster	W	37-36	Merrillville	L	41-55	LaPorte	L	45-65
Michigan City	L	56-69	Chesterton	L	46-58	Sectionals	L	1st Rd.

"I think swimming is just kind of boring because you can't actually get into it unless you're the one swimming," Marcella Ricciardi (9) said.

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inragable

varsity looks back at the season



"Our last night in Indy with the state team was my most memorable moment. We talked, played games and gave Cecily [Brajas (12)] a swirly."

Megan Specyral (12)

"Senior night was pretty memorable with our parents and fellow senior athletes celebrating our last four years of accomplishment."

Ashley Poby (12)



"I have had a lot of memories this season because it was my last year. My most memorable moments were at state."

Rachel Leftkakis (12)

"My most memorable moment was after sectionals at Lesley's [Payonk (11)] house when we found out that all three relays made it down to state."

Anna Bone (12)



"Winning the 500 Free sectionals was my most memorable moment. I was so happy I had just accomplished one of my main swimming goals."

Lesley Payonk (11)

"My most memorable moment was dressing up like Chuck Chelich for boys sectionals."

Andrea Schmidt (10)



As the buzzer sounds, Ashley Poby (12) takes her start off the block. The Varsity team was competing in an off meet against Merrillville where they swam different events than their typical race.



Megan Plenus (10) swims freestyle in a meet against Munster. The Varsity team came out of the season with a winning record of 5-2 in the DAC.

Lauren Tharp (12) swims the breast stroke in a meet against Munster. Tharp made it to state in the 200 medley relay.



scoreboard 5-2

Portage	W	121-65	Laporte	W	133-53
Valparaiso	W	96-90	Michigan City	W	138-48
Merrillville	W	103-80	Chesterton	L	116-70
Crown Point	L	122-64	Sectionals		3rd Place

"I started swimming when I was seven because I just wanted something to do," Alexis Palkovich (10) said.

The girls varsity team lines up to capture one of their many memorable moments down at state. The team made it to state in three relays along with one individual swimmer and one diver



Every year the girls swimming team dresses up in a different theme for the boys sectional meet. This season they dressed up as Coach Chuck Chelich to cheer on the boys to victory.



swimming free

girls swim their way to state

It's your senior year and the season is over. Have you accomplished all your goals? You won your sectional title, and you're now headed to state. Was it everything you wanted?

"My biggest accomplishment was placing at sectionals and advancing to state after being sick with bronchitis," Anna Bona (12) said.

The team did everything in their power to try and make it down to state and they accomplished more than many of them had even dreamed of.

"My biggest accomplishment this season was making it to state," Rachel Lefkakis (12) said.

As a senior, Lefkakis was finishing up her high school swimming career, and it's safe to say she accomplished more than she could have hoped.

"We had a really good team record this year and a lot of people did well individually. At sectionals we had a lot of people place top six which other teams didn't expect," Lauren Tharp (12) said.

Although not everyone was completely satisfied with their work at State, everyone was happy to see their teammates advance.

"My goal this year was to try and make it down [to State] in just one event but making it in all four was the best."

Lesley Payonk (11) said.

"I did decent at state. I made it down in two relays," Lefkakis said.

Practice made perfect for this Varsity team, and made a difference in their performance. The girls not only practiced before school, but made time after to work their way to state. These few years work as stepping stones to using their talent after high school.

"After high school, I'll hopefully swim in college, depending on where I go," Lesley Payonk (11) said.

Team chemistry was key this year to working their way to accomplishing a team goal of going down to the state meet.

"I think that because our team is always together at meets and in school that made us stand out. Our team was always cheering each other on," Lefkakis said.

The heart that the team had this year was something that will never be forgotten. It held the team together and lead them to a dream that they all experienced together.

"I try to give it my all in everything I do. The only time I would get out of the pool was if my shoulder was on the verge of falling off," Payonk said.

Morgan Goldsmith & Sam Maloney

What made your team stand out through this particular season?

"We swim for fun, and to keep my swimming friends forever. This was the biggest state team we've ever had in my four years here. It was really awesome to have a strong team. Three state relays, a diver and Lesley [Payonk (11)] made it in two individual events."

Anna Bona (12)

How hard did you work at achieving your personal goals?

"We practiced Monday through Thursday, before and after school from 5-6:30 a.m., and from 2:30-5 p.m. on Fridays. We came in on Saturdays for two hours, too. We also competed in meets twice a week that lasted until around 8 or 9 p.m."

Megan Specyal (12)

"One word to describe swimming is sexy. Eight packs....basically, that's all I have to say," Jonathan Solan (12) said.

Matthew Schmidt (11) swims freestyle. As a junior, his fastest time of the season was a 4.44.50 in the 500 freestyle at Sectionals, February 16.



Ryan Seapan (12) and Ryan Bar-tock (10) focus before swimming. "To prepare, I visualize by picturing the race in my head," Seapan said.



On the diving block, Christopher Hil-brich (12) prepares to dive in to swim the butterfly stroke. Hilbrich was a senior and a captain on the team.



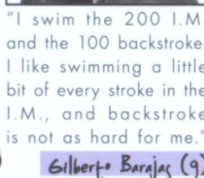
it's the stroke that makes the swimmer

in the water



"I swim distance freestyle. This is the stroke I'm best in. One word to describe swimming is dedication because you have to be dedicated to swim."

Teryn Solan (9)



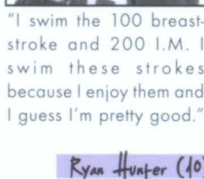
"I swim the 200 I.M. and the 100 backstroke. I like swimming a little bit of every stroke in the I.M., and backstroke is not as hard for me."

Gilbert Barajas (9)



"I swim breaststroke. I've been swimming since 2nd grade and it's always been my stroke. Swimming is the hardest sport I've ever done."

Edward Willis (9)



"I swim the 100 breast-stroke and 200 I.M. I swim these strokes because I enjoy them and I guess I'm pretty good."

Ryan Hunter (10)



Christopher Johnson (11) yells encouragement to fellow teammate, David Scasny (11) as he swims at the sectional meet at Crown Point High School. The boys screamed to pump each other while swimming.

Jonathan Solan (12) swims the backstroke at the Varsity swim meet against Valparaíso on November 27. Solan has swam the backstroke all of his swimming career.



scoreboard 7-5

Valparaíso	W 14-10	Michigan City	W 101-85
Munster Relays	2nd	Chesterton	L 110-76
Diving	2nd	Crown Point	W 100-86
Merrillville	W 134-56	Portage	W 108-77
LaPorte	W 141-44	DAC Swim	2nd
Munster	L 115-71	DAC Dive	2nd
Highland Invite	3rd	Sectionals	2nd
Diving	3rd	State	7th

"Swimming is a great sport that trains your body and your mind," Brian Johnson (9) said.



state champion: christopher johnson (11)



"Winning state in the 100 breaststroke was a dream come true. I've been training for the moment for years. It's been my ambition to stand on the top podium from the time I got second. I'd been working for seven months. After the prelims, I was top seed for finals. Finally, the moment had come. I won by .04 seconds. My dream had come true."

dive in!

"Diving has been great. Everyone has worked so hard and it showed by everyone putting on an awesome season,"

Michael Majchrowicz (9) said.



"Diving season was good because I was a freshman on Varsity diving, and I made it all the way to regionals,"

Devon Shaughnessy (9) said.



making it count

strenuous schedule makes for a successful season

Rolling out of bed, the clock says 4:40 a.m. You hop into the car, drive to school and dive into a freezing cold swimming pool. Normal? Most would probably say no. However, this is the start of the daily routine of a member of the boys Varsity swim team during season.

"Morning practices didn't sound like any fun, but I actually got used to waking up at 4:30 a.m.," David Deenick (12) said.

Morning practices are only a part of the dedication associated with the swim team. Two hour afternoon practices, two-a-day practices over December Winter Break and even practices on days of major swim meets are all factors of the physically strenuous and demanding sport of swimming.

"I swim. I eat. I sleep. I swim," David Scasny (11) said.

The difficult practices definitely do pay off for the team. With a record of 10-2, the boys team had a very successful season. Placing second at Sectionals and continuing on to State was only a few of the accomplishments they achieved throughout the season.

"State was awesome. The overall

experience was unforgettable. Good times, bad times, all the times, all of it was a learning experience," Stephen Schindler (12) said.

"Second Family" is a phrase often used to describe the bond amongst the swimmers. Spending more than twenty hours a week together helped to fortify a bond of brotherhood.

"The best word to describe the bond between us is 'family' because that's basically what we are, each other's second family," Ryan Hunter (10) said.

However, being a member of the boys Varsity swim team does have its breaks. Whether it's dressing up in full-on cheerleading uniforms to the girls swim team sectionals, teepeeing fellow swimmers houses or completely shoveling their coach's car in with snow, the boys definitely know how to show their sense of humor.

"By wearing cheerleading uniforms, we wanted to stand out and do something ridiculous to show our support for the girls. It was [Kyle] Kacius's (12) genius idea," Deenick said.

Feeling exhausted, you leave the school by 4:30 p.m. Every part of your body aches. You head home and anxiously complete your homework so you can possibly get to sleep by 8 p.m. Again...normal? Most would probably say no. However this is the daily life of a member of the boys Varsity swim team.

[karee hackel & emily gane]



David Deenick (12)

behind the scenes: mat maids' experiences

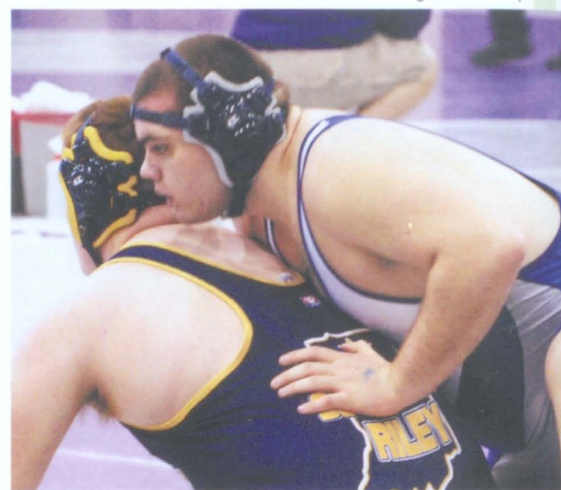
"I've been a manager for wrestling since my freshman year, but my junior year I didn't do it. Wrestling was my life for three years. I cried many times watching one of the wrestlers lose and celebrated just as much. I consider a lot of the wrestlers as my brothers, and the girls that have been doing wrestling are definitely like my sisters. If I did anything right in high school it was becoming a manager. I would recommend it to any girl. It's completely worth it," Tiffany Kaeger (12) said.



"I love wrestling. It's invigorating and everyone at the meets are always so into it. Sometimes the gym is so loud because everyone is screaming and cheering. This sport is unlike other sports because there are only two wrestlers on the mat as opposed to a whole team. I love being a part of it as a mat maid. The relationships formed are also another thing I like about it," Mallorie Gomez (12) said.

Head Coach Mr. Rod Wartman talks to the JV and Varsity teams at the end of their meet versus Portage. This is Mr. Wartman's first year as head coach for the wrestling team.

Mark Chraca (12) starts from the "down" position during his first match at the Merrillville Semi-State. Chraca got a bye the first round of semi-state because he was a regional champion.



competitions & traditions

antics and competitors make for a memorable season

One, two, three! You hear a whistle and realize that you just pinned your opponent, and the team is screaming. Your hand gets raised and now comes the reality that you won your match.

"I like getting my hand raised when I win. It feels good to win on Varsity as a freshman," Bradley Wartman (9) said.

Winning is not the only thing the team will remember, but the hilarious memories that were made throughout the season.

"My best memory was Vlade [Nacovski (10)] wrestling with his singlet on backwards," Robert Keough (11) said.

Some of the memories that they will remember have started new traditions. One new tradition is the dodgeball matches that double as workouts and take place in the wrestling room.

"It's fun...it is going to be a tradition, especially wearing the singlets to play," Devin Sanders (12) said.

Along with the good memories, the team has had their personal matches that they will also continue to remember.

"[I'll remember] the LaPorte kid, because he beat me three times and gave me a bad concussion, but we're still friends," Keough said.

Through the three hour bus rides and anticipated matches, definite bonds were built.

"I am going to miss the seniors the most, Joseph Damron (12), [Devin] Brock Sanders (12), and Mark Charca (12)," Keough said.

"[I will miss] the seniors. I looked up to them a lot," Stephen Borowski (10) said.

"[I will miss] Tim Jones the most," Ryan Craine (11) said.

Stephanie Slevnik & Katy Bastie



in the zone

the boys explain what their rituals are before a meet



Eric Neyhart (12)

"I listened to really heavy music and always touched my girlfriend's initials that I wrote on my shoes and headgear."



Devin Sanders (12)

"I would always go to Coach Tim Jones to get my back cracked. Then, I would go up to a wall or corner to calm down, focus and get motivated to win."

"Tim Jones would slap me all over my body. It hurt me, but it would get me warmed up for the match."

Vlade Nacovski (10)



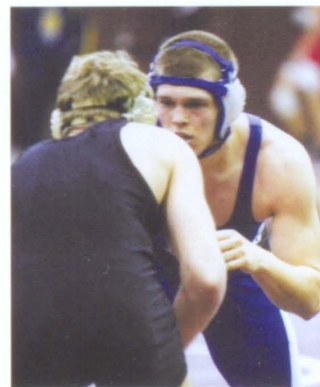
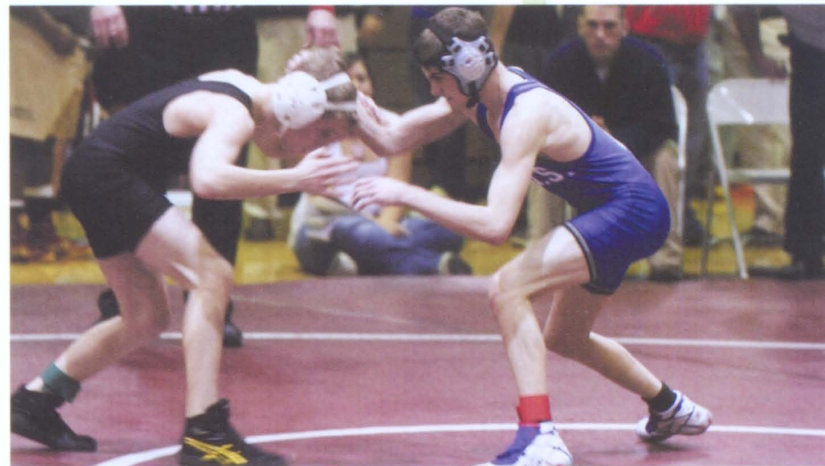
"I usually just start stretching then I start slapping myself, and I think of something that would get me mad. I would be pretty nuts after that."

Jose Perez, Jr., (10)



Marc Escobedo (10) shakes hands with his Valparaiso competitor. Escobedo won in a narrow victory and was one of five sophomores on the Varsity team.

Bryan Smith (10) wrestles at the Al Smith Classic in Mishawaka. Smith along with Devin Brock Sanders (12) and Marc Escobedo (10) advanced to the finals which were on the second day of the classic.



At the Al Smith Classic in Mishawaka, Devin Brock Sanders (12) begins to circle his opponent, searching for an opportunity to shoot. Sanders took 8th out of 32 wrestlers at the classic.

Robert Keough (11) and Vlade Nacovski (10) play in an end-of-the-year dodgeball match with the rest of the team. Some wrestlers dressed up and wore old singlets from other schools and universities.

scoreboard 6-15

Lafayette Harrison	L 12-43	Valparaiso	L 34-36
Niles North	W 57-12	Chesterton	L 15-56
Gavit	W 57-24	S. Bend Adams	L 37-39
Rochester	L 32-42	Prairie Heights	L 27-46
Boone Grove	W 66-12	Columbia City	L 24-48
Laporte	L 28-43	Lew Wallace	W 70-12
Perry Meridian	L 4-65	Michigan City	W 54-18
Avon	L 5-62	Portage	L 27-39
Lawrence Cen.	L 32-42	Merrillville	L 4-64
New Palestine	L 12-55	Crown Point	L 3-69
Franklin County	W 53-18	Sectionals	3rd Place



"The thing I like about hockey is its physical style of play and its fast pace," John Alfano (12) said.

in the penalty box

scoreboard 10-8-41

Crown Point	W 6-3	St. Joseph's	T 5-5
Portage	L 3-5	Riley	W 7-1
Munster	T 2-2	Portage	T 2-2
Evansville	L 1-6	Noblesville	W 5-3
Carmel Blue	W 8-2	Carmel White	W 8-0
Northside	L 2-8	New Haven	L 3-2
Columbus	W 8-3	Hamilton SE B	W 4-3
Carmel White	W 9-0	Crown Point	L 1-2
Carmel Blue	W 5-2	Northrop	L 1-6
Carmel Gold	L 8-2	New Haven	W 4-2
Penn Gold	L 4-1	Munster	T 4-4

top six players with penalties



"When I took my skate off and tried to slice someone. Just kidding ... or am I?"

John Vater (12)

"There are too many to think of because the other teams pay the refs to put me in the box."



Andrew Gard (11)



"I got in a fight with five players and a goalie, and I loved every second of it. I guess you can say the penalty box is my home away from home."

Matthew Porter (12)

"I get penalties a lot because I am a goonie."



Andrew Beneturski (12)



"I am in the penalty box a lot because I am a B.A."

Patrick Conneen (12)

"I shot the puck after the ref blew the whistle, and I got a delay of game. It was lame."



Zachary Golden (11)

The team huddles together for a time out during the second game of the State Hockey Tournament against Carroll High School. Carroll High School won the game.

Anthony Sorensen (9), Zachary Golden (11) and Matthew Philbin (11) idly skate down the ice waiting for the referee to reset the puck. "It was good to win our first game [at state]," Golden said.



Team captains Andrew Beneturski (12), Bradley Jordan (12) and Matthew Philbin (11) talk with the Crown Point players as well as the referees before the game. January 25 was senior night where all of the senior players were honored. Bradley Jordan (12) and Stephen Borkowski (10) fight for the puck while playing against Riley High School. The team came out victorious and won 7-1.



"Great moments are born from great opportunities'-Herb Brooks" Aaron Zakarias (12) said..



big hearts

hockey team deals with a player's heart condition

The hockey team started off the season with a painful blow, which actually didn't happen on the ice. Player, Richard Sorensen (11), received some disturbing news from his doctor in late December.

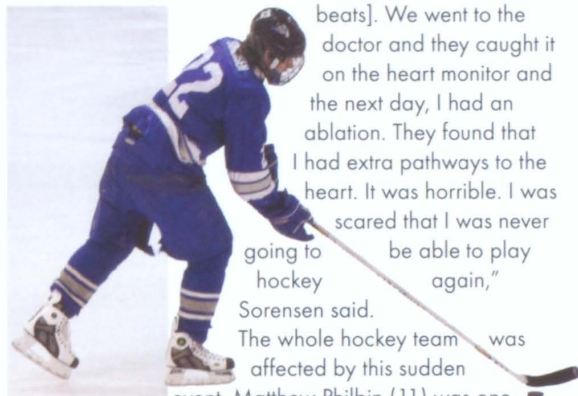
"About a year ago, I started having rapid heart beats randomly every month. They would last for hours," Sorensen said.

Even though Sorensen was experiencing heart problems, the doctors could never find what was wrong, so he kept playing the game that he loved.

"I was playing hockey and it triggered it [the rapid heart

"I was scared that I was never going to be able to play hockey again,"

Richard Sorensen (11) said.



Richard Sorensen (11)

beats]. We went to the doctor and they caught it on the heart monitor and the next day, I had an ablation. They found that I had extra pathways to the heart. It was horrible. I was scared that I was never going to be able to play hockey again," Sorensen said.

The whole hockey team was affected by this sudden event. Matthew Philbin (11) was one of the players that had to deal with this

unsettling shock with the turn of events.

"It was horrible because he was a big contribution to our team. We sent him a card and balloons. I wanted to go visit him, but I had pink eye and I felt really bad about that. The first time I saw him, I ran up and gave him a hug," Philbin said.

Every player on the team had mixed emotions on Sorensen's condition.

"I couldn't believe that it happened. I visited him the second time he was in the hospital," Patrick Leahy (12) said.

Playing hockey has been

one of the major aspects in Sorensen's life.

"He's been playing his whole life," Lukas Butkovic (11) said.

The team fought all season, and at the end, finally qualified for the State Tournament.

"We made it to the State Tournament, and he wasn't even able to play in it. I felt bad for him because he was a big part of the team," Butkovic said.

Sorensen stopped playing hockey in December and now has a heart monitor. He will be going for more tests in April. Hockey, however, is will continue to be on his mind through this hard time.

"I want to be able to play hockey again,"

Sorensen said.

Livien Schremp & Brooke Bughong

your goodbyes

to the seniors:

"Thanks for leading us. We had an outstanding season. We wouldn't have gone as far if it weren't for you. When we were down you brought us up, so we thank you," Jeremy Jessup (9) said.

to the underclassmen:

"Good luck to all the seniors next year. Just have fun," Bradley Jordan (12) said.



out of the spotlight

talented girls stay unnoticed

After countless miles traveled for meets and the unforgettable soreness after long practices, it's all worth it.

The Varsity bowling team continues to have successful, but unnoticed talent.

Last year, the team reigned as state champions and fought all the way to semi-state at the end of this season.

"My favorite part about bowling is being LC. We're known for being tough, and I like that reputation," Kelly Galka (12) said.

But how many people really know how talented this team is? The answer is very few.

"We're not recognized by the school. I think we should be though," Leanne Witulski (11) said.

Many girls on the team feel the same way about this long-standing issue.

"No matter what anyone else says, bowling is a sport and should be recognized," Kaitlyn Galka (10) said in agreement.

The bowlers are not unlike any other team. They still have painstakingly difficult practices and rivalries just like everyone else.

"We're not really different from any other team. We have practices, uniforms and cheerleaders," Kathleen Dienes (9) said.

The team's uncanny success is a result of many individual accomplishments after long hours spent at the lanes in multiple towns around the region.

"My biggest accomplishment was bowling in

the top five starters," Katie Sexton (10) said.

Sometimes improvement over placement was

how one measured their season achievements.

"My biggest accomplishment is that I'm getting better," Alexandra Quilici (10) said.

Even academics played an aspect in success.

"Making the Academic All-State team and placing fifth at state individually," Kelly said.

After everything, perfection is the most coveted achievement.

"Bowling my first 300 game and doing it in a high school match was my biggest accomplishment," Kaitlyn said.

What most people don't know is how difficult achieving this success really is.

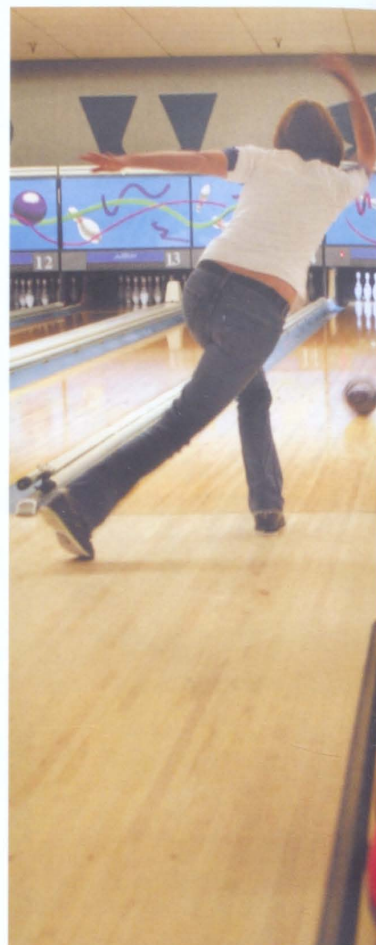
"It's tough mentally, and there's even physics that go with it, so stop hating," Kelly said.

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Kelly Galka (12) said.



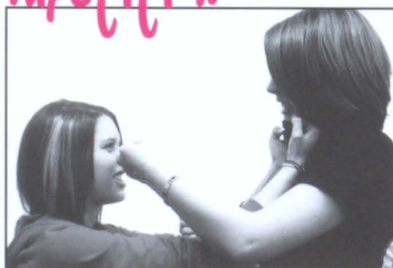
Ashleigh Wladyka (9)



sisters in competition



Kelly Galka (12) and Kaitlyn Galka (10)



Kelly (12) & Kaitlyn (10) Galka have been bowling together for 11 years and are keeping the tradition going strong

Bowling together practically since they were both born can create some pretty memorable moments and funny times.

"Our life is one big funny moment, but sometimes when we do cheers we'll mess up and just start laughing," Kelly Galka (12) said.

It isn't always fun and games though when it comes to sharing the same passion.

"If one of us is bowling bad and the other good, we'll get mad," Kaitlyn Galka (10) said.

Their love for bowling emerged from their parents love for the sport.

"Our dad has a pro shop. He's had it for thirty years, so it runs in the family. Our mom is really good too," Kelly said.

Being together through every practice, meet and tournament definitely has its advantages.

"We know how we both bowl, so we can help each other out," Kelly said.

Through good times and bad, they both know this will be an unforgettable experience.

"I'm really glad we got to bowl together. It's a once in a lifetime thing to bowl like that," Kelly said.



Coach Shon Washington talks to the Varsity girls prior to a practice. "Bowling is fun, competitive and we all have a really good time, even the parents. The team is like a family. We may bicker and fight, but we still support each other through it all," Hannah Nava (9) said.

"My biggest accomplishment personally was bowling a 700 series," Autumn Snow (9) said.

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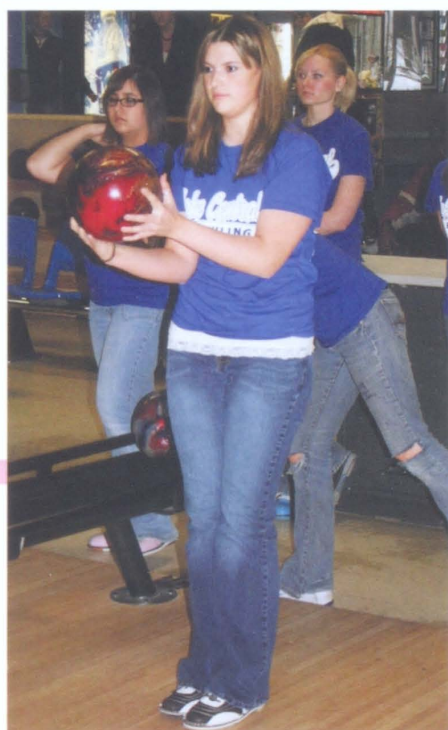
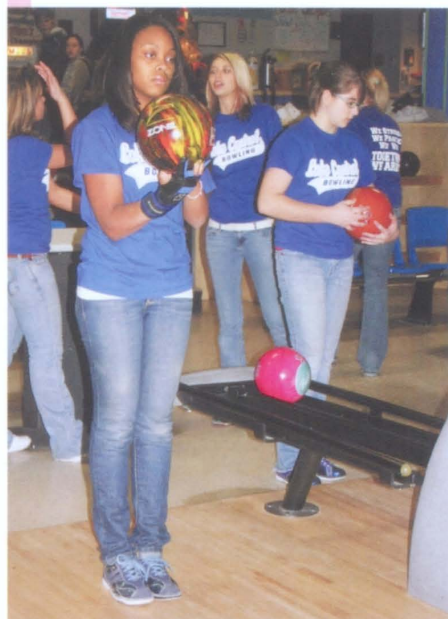
"We go out to eat as a team after every match, and we have a sleepover," Katie Sexton (10) said.

scoreboard 11-0

Gavit	W 20-0	Crown Point	W 17-3
Merrillville	W 11.5-8.5	Andean	W 20-0
Crown Point	W 20-0	Crown Point	W 19-1
Merrillville	W 12-8	Merrillville	W 16-4
Crown Point	W 17-3	Sectionals	1st
Andean	W 19-1	Regionals	1st
Merrillville	W 17-3	Semi-State	3rd

Kelly Galka (12) bowls during a practice at Stardust Bowl III in Dyer. To prepare for meets, Galka would eat a lot and get pumped up in her car with loud music.

Mariah Dowdy (11) lines up with the lane and prepares to bowl during a practice. The team practiced at Stardust Bowl III in Dyer and had matches there, in Merrillville, Hammond and Crown Point.



embarrassing bowling moments

in the gutter



"One embarrassing moment is when you fall at the foul line."

Katie Sexton (10)

"My most embarrassing moment was when the ball stuck to my fingers once and I fell into the lane with it."

Kathleen Dienes (9)



"My most embarrassing moment was throwing the ball backwards. The most entertaining moment was hearing people cheer."

Audrey Snow (9)

"I did the approach, and all of a sudden I was on the floor. I don't know how I fell, but when I tried to get up, my foot slid in the gutter and I fell again."

Hannah Nava (9)

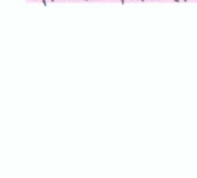


"We were at a match in Hammond, and Katie Sexton [10] yelled out 'Get three!' when only two pins were standing. It was pretty funny."

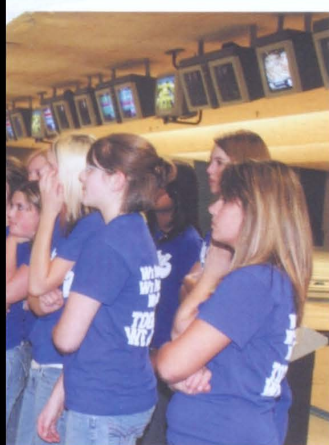
Leanne Witulski (11)

"[An embarrassing moment is] when we are cheering and you say the wrong thing."

Alexandra Quilici (10)



Alexandra Quilici (10) approaches the lane and prepares to bowl. "We go out to eat after matches, and we have pool parties at my house. We have a sleepover at the end of the year. Bowling is a lot of fun and everyone should try in if they haven't already," Quilici said.



"I love the **competition**. When you put a bunch of good bowlers **together** in a tournament, it's exciting to see who is going to win only because everyone is pretty much **equal** at that point,"

Joseph Mista (12) said.

the boys' personal accomplishments

greatest achievements

"It was just an awesome experience to make it to state and it was a lot of fun."

Thomas Schmied (11)

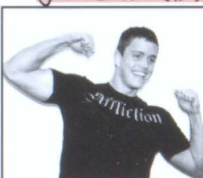


"My greatest achievement was winning regionals for individual."

Zachary Maciejewski (11)

"My favorite thing about bowling was I sat at home and used to think of dance moves to show off after I got a strike, which was like every frame."

Shawn Cobban (12)



"My greatest achievement was bowling a 300 during sectionals and qualifying first and also qualifying first at regionals."

Joseph Mista (12)

Zachary Maciejewski (10) falls into his follow through as the ball leaves his hand. Maciejewski was the only left handed bowler on the team.

Joseph Mista (12) winds up as he prepares to release the ball. Mista was the captain of the team.



inside nicknames

boys bond over the kitchen table

"Peppa"

Kevin Rush (10)



"Salt"

Kyle Lisek (10)



"Cream"

Joseph Mista (12)



"Mustard"

Thomas Schmied (11)



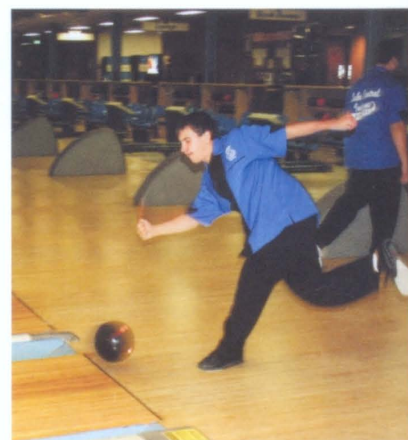
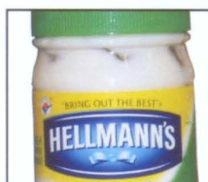
"Sugga"

Shawn Cobban (12)



"Mayo"

Zachary Maciejewski (10)



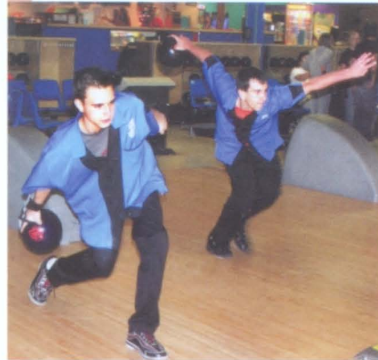
Kevin Rush (10) follows through as he releases the ball down the lane. The boys bowling team practiced at Stardust located in Dyer, Indiana.

"Average-wise were top ten so far. We're trying to be consistent and our goal is to make it to state finals obviously," Coach Gregory Schmied said.

"After having one of the highest games in the state already this year, we're trying to make it to the top," Coach Paul Rather said.



Bowling side by side, Thomas Schmied (11) and Michael Pilch (11) take the steps to shoot the perfect angle. The boys were judged on their performance throughout the week.



scoreboard 7-3

Munster	L 4-16	Merrillville	W 16-4
Merrillville	L 10-10	Andean	W 18-2
Hammond Clark	W 10.5-9.5	Crown Point	W 18-2
Crown Point	W 16.5-3.5	Munster	W 16-4
Munster	W 11-9	Hammond Clark	L 10-10

good frame of mind

the boys bowling team makes it to state

Bowling is a game that means breaking out the bumpers for some students. For other students, like the boys bowling team, bowling means working their hardest to compete, and in this case, eventually ending up at state.

"State was a good experience, and we'll have more experience for next year," Zachary Maciejewski (10) said.

The boys went down to Anderson, Indiana for the state competition. At the competition there were a total of

sixteen teams there from all around the state.

According to the boys, the alley was packed with fans and photographers wanting to get a glimpse of the action, but that didn't shake the guys, and they went into the meet feeling confident.

"As everyone was

shouting their team name, we

were focusing on the matches," Brett Wagner (11) said.

The boys are always in game mode because their performance at practice during the week was the depending factor on whether or not they would get to compete during the competitions.

For the seven boys that took the trip to state, consistency was the biggest factor.

"[State] was a very exciting atmosphere, you knew that you really had to

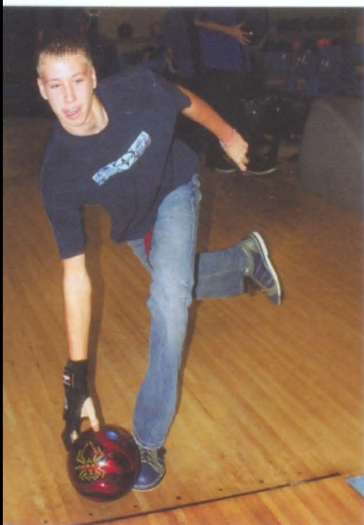
perform to compete," Joseph Mista (12).

Although state was intense, and coming out on top was the main goal, the boys never forgot the real reason they were there.

"I love the competition. When you put a bunch of good bowlers together in a tournament, it's exciting to see who is going to win only because everyone is pretty much equal at that point," Mista said.

No matter if they were focusing on the match in front of them or if they were just playing the Wii version of bowling, in the end, the boys were at state to do what they do best, bowl.

Lavree Adams & Tara McElmurry



Nathan Huizenga (9) drops the ball wearing his wrist guard. The wrist guards were worn to keep the boys' wrists straight and perfect the angle when the ball is thrown.



Shawn Cobban (12)

better together

Every team is filled with dynamic duos, trios or even 'six-os' that are always attached at the hip. For this team, that duo is Mary Genovese (10) and Kellie Butler (10).

"We've been best friends since seventh grade. We met in band class. We go crazy. We always listen to the 'Percolator' before competitions, and we do our dance for the team," Genovese said.

The seniors this year also had a close relationship. Tara Davis (12) felt this was the closest the six of them have been throughout their careers.



Mary Genovese (10) & Kellie Butler (10)



Katie Kirchhoff (12), Amanda Crothers (12), Nicole Moon (12), Krysta Arnold (12), Alexandria Mele (12) & Tara Davis (12)

dedication continues

prospering talent and changing traditions

Behind all the glitter, the costumes and the hair-spray, stands the team that was like no other. The team consisted of six seniors, four juniors, three sophomores and two freshmen. The fifteen Varsity dancers almost had an undefeated season, only losing twice in Indiana.

Not only do the girls on the team change every year, so do the traditions and rivals.

"Tradition is important otherwise we wouldn't be anywhere near as good of a team if we hadn't already had a record of winning from years before us," Nicole Moon (12) said.

Even though the team changes year to year, each girl that is a part of the team is just as talented as the girl standing next to her. The talent only continues to prosper the more the program continues on.

"The girls that come through this program are a part of Centralette history and should be honored to call themselves Centralettes. So many people make this program a part of their lives, and I'm proud to say these girls were a big part of that," Head Coach Kevin Mathis said.

As the teams change, so do the rivalries.

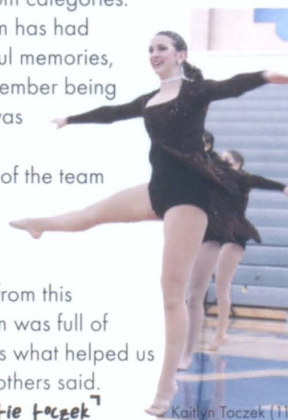
"Homestead is our sisters. We're really close to them and hope that never changes," Amanda Crothers (12) said.

Floyd Central is the one to beat at Nationals, but the Centralettes are the ones to beat at State. One of Crothers' favorite moments was when she beat Floyd Central, the six-time UDA National Champions at the Munster Dance Invitational in

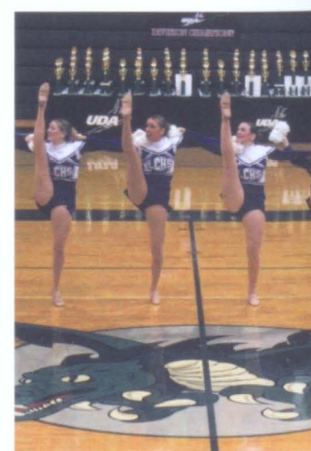
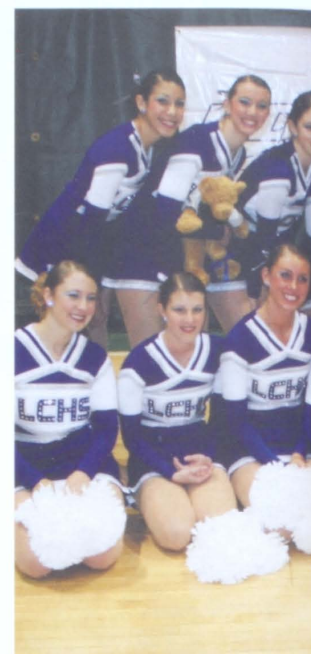
both the jazz and pom categories. Even though the team has had some many wonderful memories, not having a team member being able to participate was difficult.

"Losing a member of the team is always hard, especially when it's unexpected, but our team grew stronger from this experience. The team was full of strong girls and that's what helped us make it through," Crothers said.

Krysta Arnold & Katie Foczek

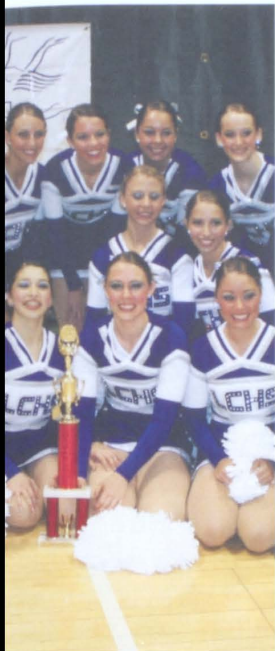


Kaitlyn Toczek (11)



"Senior year's all about making the memories last and the most of everything," Krysta Arnold (12) said.

"I like how we all bonded before performances, before Nationals," Jaimie Davis (9) said.



The team gathers in front of their famous Centralette banner after awards at the Milwaukee competition. "At the end of the day as long as these girls are by my side, nothing else matters," Krysta Arnold (12) said.



The team performs a kickline at the Detroit Invitational. During awards, the girls ended up scoring high enough to take second in pom.

movin' on up a farewell to the season



"I love my team and next year won't be the same without the seniors. The season was awesome and once a Centralette, always a Centralette."

Amanda Welch (11)

"Even though we had a really hard year, we always pulled it together. Thank you to all of the seniors that I could look up too."

Alyssa Kovich (9)



"This year would be the most memorable of all the four years I've been on [Centralettes] since we are a very strong team."

Tara Davis (12)



"I've never met a more hard-working, dedicated team. We were there for each other and able to pull it together in any situation."

Courtney Severin (10)



"Once a **Centralette**,
always a **Centralette**,"
Amanda Welch (11) said.

The team huddles to talk about what needs to be done during every performance. "Our team huddles get us focused and ready for what we have to do," Bethany Peshel (12) said.



The Varsity Centralettes jump into their ending pose at the Detroit Invitational. "Each year a new team comes in, but this year we were stronger than any other," Katie Kirchhoff (12) said.

Tiffany Marquiss (9), Crista Pyrz (9), Alyssa Kovich (9), Catrina Penna (9) and Suzanne Foreman (10) look back at all the memories of past years. "It was fun to see how much everyone has grown," Marquiss said.

scoreboard

Detroit	2nd Pom	Nationals	6th pom, 8th jazz
Grimmer	1st pom, 1st jazz	LCDI	Exhibition
Milwaukee	1st pom, 2nd jazz	Homestead	1st pom, 1st jazz
Munster	1st pom, 1st jazz	Regionals	2nd pom, 1st jazz
Portage	1st pom, 1st jazz	State	2nd pom, 1st jazz

moving in on competition

lauren ross qualifies for state

She walks off the floor, cheeks flushed, heart racing and body aching. She grabs her purple water container and waits. The two judges discuss and compare and give their score to the runner. The scoreboard reads 9.6. That puts Lauren Ross (11) in qualifying position for state.

"Last year I didn't even make it out of sectionals and this year I wasn't expecting to either. But I ended up making it to regionals, then qualifying for State in all around," Ross (11) said.

Last season was the first time the school put together a team. The team started out with twelve girls and with time, dwindled down to six this year. Of the six there is only one girl, Celina Bronson (10), who competes JV. Each of the other schools in the Duneland Athletic Conference has on average ten athletes participating on varsity.

"I hope we have a bigger team and we can all improve our skills by next season because we are all capable of doing so," Magdalene Huff (11) said.

Ross has been in gymnastics for thirteen years and is a level 9 gymnast. She has lead the team and stood as a role model and an example for them. This year she was named Athlete of the Week in *The Times*.

"We've all grown a lot closer this season and it's been an advantage having a teacher at our school actually being our coach. Myra [Dalton]

and Jorie [Stahl] have both put in a lot of time, effort and patience and we all appreciate them for that," Ross said.

The girls have worked in the gym over the summer and have put in a great deal of effort to stay in the gym, and more importantly, get better.

The girls train at Midwest Ice Arena in St. John, but a few have also trained at Gym-Plus in Merrillville over the summer. The improvements they have made from last season is notable. The girls are planning to train all year round at Midwest and also

train in the new weight room.

By next season the girls will have months of practice and hopefully a few new girls. With five of the girls graduating in 2009, the team needs more recognition. They hope the underclassmen will see the team and want to be a part of it.

"I'm very excited. It was very unexpected. It is still surreal to me, and it probably won't feel real until I'm standing at the end of the runway waiting to compete vault," Ross said about state.

The girls haven't had it easy this far, but hopefully by next season the team will have a few new girls and higher expectations.

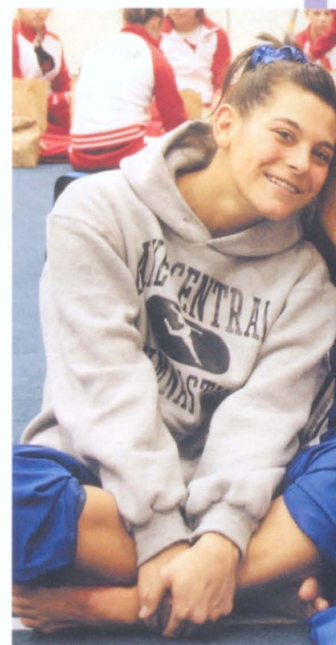
Stephanie Costa & Stephanie Tarrant

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Lauren Ross (11) said.



Lauren Ross (11)

Stephanie Tarrant (11), Celina Bronson (10), Lauren Ross (11), Amanda Gnerlich (11), Magdalene Huff (11), and Rebecca Schymanski (11) wait for awards after competing at Crown Point. The girls all placed in their events, but lost by six points to Crown Point.



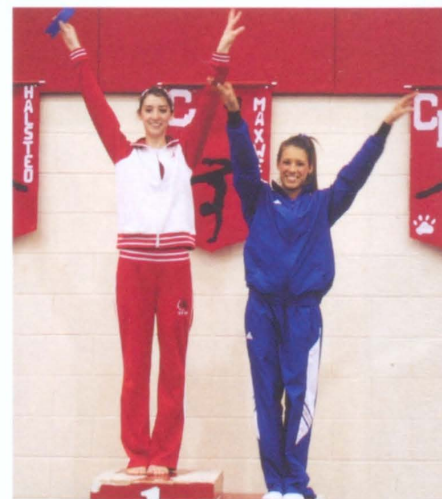
in the hot seat

Q: What was your fondest memory from this year's season?

A: "The best part of this year was accomplishing all my goals."
Rebecca Schymanski (11)

Q: What was your least favorite memory from this season?

A: Our scores weren't fair, and it usually brought us down.
Magdalene Huff (11)



Celina Bronson (10) stands and takes second place during a meet at Crown Point. She placed for scoring high in her event which was beam.

"Gymnastics is a tough sport that I can't do. It takes a lot of flexibility," Ryan Hennessey (10) said.

"I used to be in gymnastics, and I liked it. It's a really hard sport to do," Kelsie Schultz (9) said.

the girls share new skills and accomplishments this season

in the gym



"I'm proud of myself for getting my kips and flyaways this year. Kips and flyaways are skills done to start and end your bar routine."

Colina Bragon (10)

"My clear hips got way better this year, which is a skill on bars. Next year a full on floor. I also want an uprise, which is another skill on bars."

Magdalene Huff (11)



"This year my overs on bars improved, which is a release move from the high bar to the low bar. Next year I want to do a double back dismount."

Lauren Ross (11)



"I wasn't in the gym much this year, but my back-hand springs on beam got way better than they were last year. Next year I want to compete all-around."

Stephanie Tarrant (11)



"This season I got my kip on bars. Which is a skill to get on bar. Next year I hope to get my back walkover on beam and a half on floor."

Rebecca Schymanski (11)



"This year I got my full on floor back. Next year I hope to get my fly away on bars back, which is a release move off of the high bar."

Amanda Gaerlich (11)



Magdalene Huff (11) jumps on the trampolines at Midwest Training Center. The team trained there every-day after school during their season.



Warming up on the bar apparatus, Lauren Ross (11) prepares for her routine. Ross placed first for bars during the awards.

Rebecca Schymanski (11), Lauren Ross (11) and Magdalene Huff (11) chalk up their grips before competing bars at the Crown Point dual meet. Chalking up was a necessity when swinging on bars which gave them the ability to swing without friction.

scoreboard

1-8

Portage	L 94.425-96.4	Chesterton	L 96.65-103.375
LaPorte	L 93.5-103.425	Valparaiso	L 90.485-102.45
Michigan City	L 88.5-91.025	Hobart	L 98.2-101.215
Lowell	W 89.8-86.7	Merrillville	L 86.025-102.225
Crown Point	L 90.75-104.425		

"I thought that we competed a lot better than expected, and I'm proud that we pulled it together," Gia Laski (12) said.

freshmen on varsity

"I wasn't expecting to make varsity, but it was a challenge for the entire year. I was friends with upperclassmen and I got to cheer with them all year," Ashlee Russell (9) said.



"It wasn't really that intimidating. I didn't think I could make it through a varsity routine, but it ended up being a very fun year; it was nothing of what I expected," Ashley Scott (9) said.



"It was a lot different than 8th grade, but I liked meeting the older girls, hanging out with them and knowing that we were able to do the same skills as them," Ashley Kahn (9) said.



hula hotel party

a night the hotel won't forget

It's the last night of Nationals. What are the cheerleaders doing? They are going to the hotel room of captain Rebecca Holme (12), Gia Laski (12), Christina Roth (12) and Ashley Scott (9). The tradition is going to the hotel room of a senior who will be hosting a party on the last night of Nationals.

"Nationals is always the most fun competition we have because it's always a time for us to hang out together," Ashley Carstensen (10) said.

This year the girls had a "Hula Hoedown." There were leis, a pinata, music, an ice bath, cupcakes, fruit and a crabby hotel manager.

The party started at 8:30 p.m. when Holme had just gotten back to her room after sneaking past the coaches in her hula wear. The rest of the team met up in the girls' hotel room where they ate and enjoyed their last night at Nationals.

"It all started with the limbo," Roth said.

All of a sudden a blue frosted cupcake was smeared all over Hayley Butcher's (11) face. Pure chaos immediately broke out. By the end of the cupcake fight, the whole container of cupcakes was all over everyone and everything. Holme and Samantha Moody (12) helped clean it up. Then, the others spotted the pinata.

"We tried hanging the pinata with a hanger but it ended up not working out, so we decided to just break it open ourselves," Butcher (11) said.

"There was candy everywhere. We even had

a six-pound bag of Jolly Ranchers," Holme said.

"We were dancing and eating and having a great time when we heard a knock on the door," Moody said.

"We were dancing and eating and having a great time when we heard a knock on the door..."
Samantha Moody (12) said.

It was the manager. "She was really upset with us," Moody said.

"Everyone went back to their own hotel rooms, the manager left and we cleaned up until it was spotless," Holme said.

"After all of the

commotion, we thought it would be a good idea to take ice baths, so Becky and I ran back and forth to the ice machine until the tub was filled up. Then we sat in it until we were numb. It was supposed to help stimulate our muscles but it turned into an ice fight," Roth said.

The girls were having so much fun that they didn't want the night to end, but they knew it had to since they had to be up at five in the morning.

"The hula hoedown was the best part of our competition. It calmed our nerves a lot and it was the first time we all came together as a team," Alyssa Kowaleski (11) said.

"It was definitely the best Hula Hoedown party ever. I got some awesome pictures and it was a night I'll never forget. It was a very great way to end the season," Amy Buckman (12) said.

The team ended up taking sixth place the next morning at Nationals.

Lindsey Janiga & Amanda Welch



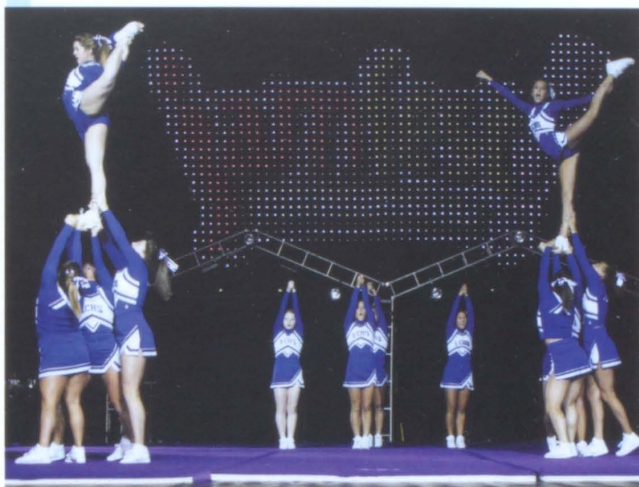
"State was more exciting for me this year than it was last year," Alicia Moricz (10) said.

scoreboard

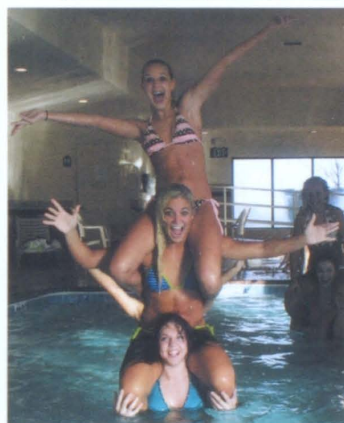
Turbo Jam	1st, Gold	Regionals	Bid to State
Jamfest	4th	State	6th
Nationals		Chicago Bulls	1st

Hayley Butcher (11), Jessica Hearnen (11), Ashley Carstensen (10), Samantha Moody (12) and Lisa Warta (11) perform a stunt at a football game. The Varsity cheerleaders attended and cheered at every home and away football game.

Meridith Gjeldum (10) and Ashley Carstensen (10) pull their scales. The girls then twisted down into a cradle.



Members of Varsity dance and sing in one of their hotel rooms. "It was probably one of my favorite memories from cheerleading and what I am going to miss the most," Katherine Blessing (10) said.



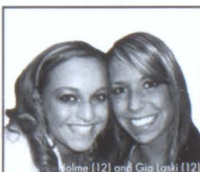
Ashley Carstensen (10), Hayley Butcher (11) and Alicia Moricz (11) practice stunts in the pool after a competition. "We always try to put up stunts in the pool. It's always a lot funner and doesn't hurt as much when you fall," Ashley Carstensen (10) said.

The Varsity squad performs the dance portion of their competition routine at National's in Indianapolis. The girls had to make "facials" during their routines which are very animated expressions.

Jessica Studniarz (11), Alyssa Kowaleski (11), Hayley Butcher (11), Christina Roth (12) and Gia Laski (12) wrestle for candy after a pinata was broken in their hotel room. "Gia decided to hog all the candy, so I decided to tickle her in return so she would get off of it and get the candy for myself," Kowaleski said.

shout outs to the team for a great season

the seniors



"Thanks for making this my best year. I hope you have a good season next year, and make good choices."

Samantha Moody (12)

"I had an awesome time this season. We had so many memories and I am going to miss everyone. Good luck next season."

Rebecca Holme (12)



"Nationals is definitely the most memorable experience. We all got along really great. I am really sad that its over, but it's something I'll never forget."

Christina Roth (12)

"It was a really good season and I'm going to miss everyone. Good luck next year at State and Nationals."

Amy Buckman (12)



"The whole [basketball] season was challenging, but it was a good experience. The whole team came together towards the end," Biljana Dosen (9) said.

outdoing rivals

freshmen have glory in undefeated season

The honor and the glory that comes along with having an undefeated season is one that every sports team wishes to have. The girls freshman basketball team was the lucky one that achieved this goal, but it wasn't easy. Having a winning season took hard work, dedication and great advice from the coaches.

"We wanted to win, so we pushed ourselves.

Even though we had hard times, we still pushed each other and learned our plays and worked hard," Trisha Tornincasa (9) said.

"The girls were the best, and I hope we will always be friends,"

Trisha Tornincasa (9) said.

Every day the girls would have practice for an hour and a half to two hours. During practices the girls would have many drills that helped improve their skills. They would do defense and dribbling drills, weaves and running. But one of the most important contributors was teamwork.

"We all play good together and we're really close," Alana Eater (9) said.

Not only did they have the main factors down, but they also had a ritual and a good luck charm. Before every game the girls would listen to "Jump on It" by Sri Mix A Lot to get themselves pumped. The team also had a good luck charm that was at every game.

"[Coach Nick] Testa always wore three hair ties on his wrist for good luck," Katie Kozy (9) said.

There was a time that their undefeated season was at risk of being diminished though.

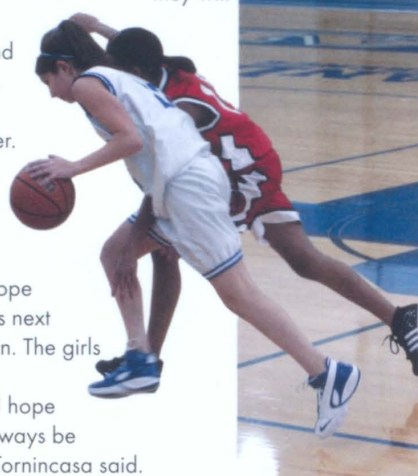
"The first time we played Crown Point, they were beating us in the first two quarters. We had a pep talk during half time and pulled it together and won the game," Lauren Ashenbrener (9) said.

When the season came to an end it was bitter sweet. After the last game against Merrillville the girls had a party on the bus with a cake fight. With

the glory of an undefeated season and an unbreakable bond the girls know they will

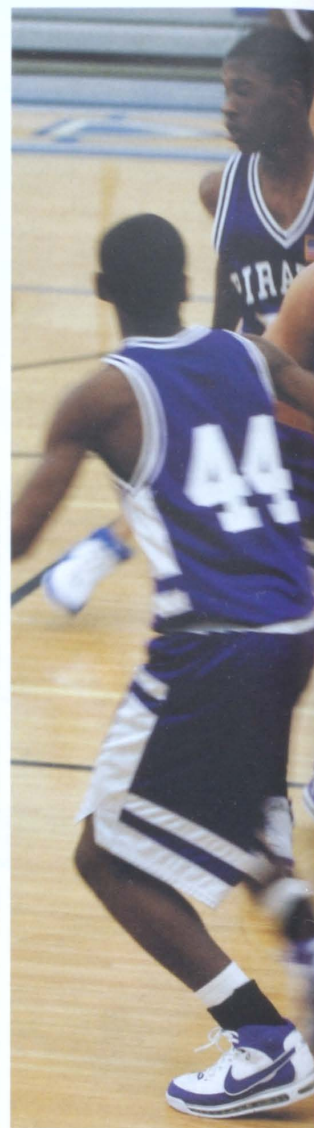
have friends and memories that will last forever.

"This was a special season to me. I hope it happens next year again. The girls were the best and I hope we will always be friends," Tornincasa said.



Kristen Sweeney

Stephanie Haddad (9)



my idol



"My idol in basketball is Michael Jordan because he was a great basketball player," Nikola Ratic (9) said.



"I look up to the seniors, but especially Lauren Tharp (12) because she is a good swimmer," Megan Stephanian (9) said.



"I look up to the seniors because they're the most experienced. They bring their personalities to dance, which makes dance fun," Catrina Penna (9) said.



"My idol is my sister. Her freshman year she didn't make the cheerleading team, but she worked hard to make it. She showed me to never give up," Caitlin Kowaleski (9) said.



The JV Centralettes perform at the basketball game on February 7 against Valparaiso. "I think performing at a basketball game is a good way to show our school spirit, and it's a lot of fun," Megan Anderson (9) said.

"The [wrestling] season went well, and it was probably one of the better seasons I've had," Seth-Lee Basler (10) said.



David Samardzija (11) tries to fight off defenders against Merrillville. Samardzija occasionally moved up to play in Varsity games too. Katie Gindl (11) swims the breast stroke at the JV meet against Munster on January 17. "Everybody thought we were going to lose, but we proved people wrong and beat them," Gindl said.



jv recall their funniest moments

in **laughter**



"Someone put my books on the kickboards, and they were floating in the pool. I was mad when I saw them floating out there."

Michael Rajenovic (10)

"During a game I tripped over one of my own teammates feet once."



Nichole Szczepkowski (10)



"A ball went up into the bleachers, and I went up to get it. I tripped going down and rolled down the bleachers."

Kevin Horals (10)

"I went to Victoria's Secret with two other cheerleaders and bought skirts. We were bored in the hotel room, so we were modeling them."

Hailee Babusiak (9)



Raymond Cook (10) attempts to pin his opponent. Cook successfully pinned his Valparasio competitor and contributed six points to the team's score.



JV cheerleading performs a center pyramid at Nationals. Teams were required to do certain stunts like forming a pyramid, where every member had to be connected

"My season on the freshman basketball team was one I'll never forget. Both the girls and the coaches were the best group of people I have ever been around. I hope our season will always be remembered,"
Hailee Babusiak (9) said.

"I'm working out to stay in shape for swimming. We try to work out every Wednesday and Thursday," Gianna Richardson (9) said.

keeping in shape

students choose alternate ways to stay fit



"I was on the Utah Jazz team [for biddy ball], and the season was good. I've been playing basketball for seven years, and I plan to do it again next year."

Mazahir Dosajli (10)

"I like to spend my free time at Last Rep Gym in Dyer. I do three main lifts for competition: the squat, bench and deadlift. I'm going to Teenage Nationals for the United States in Lake George, New York."

Joseph DiMaggio Jr. (10)

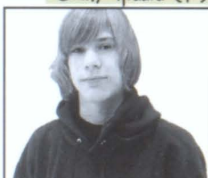


"We [marching band] go through basics which is going through the steps and counting in time. I'm in drumline, and we have to learn how to crab walk."

Sarah Veronesi (10)

"We don't practice or anything for ping pong. It's tiring because you get to play as many people as you want, and it can be as competitive as you want it to be. People get really into it."

Emily Haddad (10)



"I ride my bike everywhere because I like it. I like the sport and it's good physical activity. Most of my bike is custom. The farthest I ever rode my bike was to Gary because my friends and I were bored."

Joseph Verrill (9)

"I've played softball for four years for the town of St. John. I'm the catcher. I played baseball before and they wouldn't let me play anymore, but I like softball better."

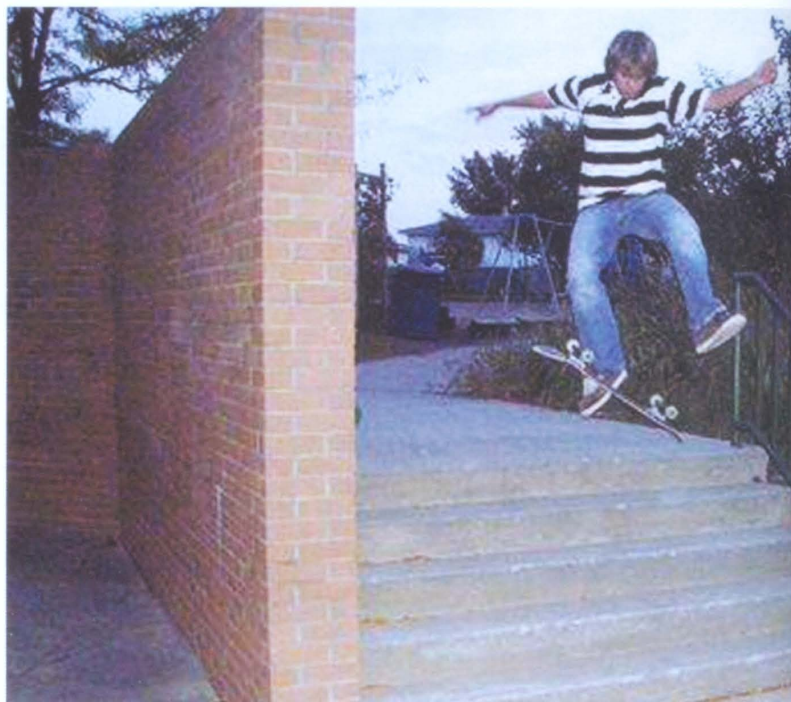
Kaitlyn McCabe (9)



Stephen Hanyzewski (9) completes a boardslide grind at a building near his house. "....."



Kyle Ayling (11) grinds down the rail at a local skatepark. Popular skateparks for the local skateboarders, including Ayling and his friends, is the park in Munster, Indiana, and Krush Skatepark in Tinley Park, Illinois.



Carlo Demma (9) hits a stair step while skateboarding with friends like Jacob Runyan (9). "We usually try to skateboard everyday," Runyan said.

Amanda Pyrz (11) grinds down a box on her snowboard. Pyrz's biggest accomplishment was when she hit a four feet high, twelve feet long box. "It's all about trying new things, like spur of the moment," Pyrz said.



"We're swimmers, so [we work out] at the beginning of the school year and we work out in the off-season," Jennifer Magnabosco (9) said.

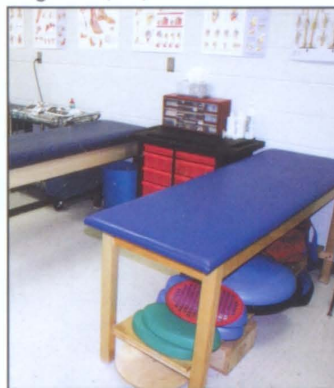
step into the new facility

"I take an icebath because I have shin splints, and it helps cool faster and longer. Ice just freezes it, where the whirlpool soothes it," Rylee Sullivan (9) said.

"I think the new weight room is very nice, and I work out every day for an hour and a half. The new one is bigger, and there is a lot more equipment," Malory Horvat (11) said.

"There are a lot more beds. I get the stim. treatment that helps my groin injury. The new ice makers help the trainer get ice a lot quicker too," Ian Segovia (11) said.

"It is convenient to just walk [to the refrigerator] and buy a cold Gatorade before practice. Everyone knows that it is there [just for the athletes]," Julia Cook (11) said.



Kyle Moldenhauer (11)

livin' on the edge

students take on extreme sports

When most people think of high school sports, many tend to think of basketball, football, or baseball first. On the other hand, students like Jake Runyan (9), Kyle Moldenhauer (11), Amanda Pyrz (11) and Cameron Cornet (12) are breaking free from tradition and taking part in extreme sports.

Although Runyan started skateboarding at the beginning of the summer, Pyrz began snowboarding in December, and Cornet began waterskiing when he was four, all can say that with practice, determination, and heart, they have come a long way.

One student that stood out from the crowd was Kyle Moldenhauer with his passion for snowboarding.

"When I was around five years old, my brother and I skiing, and let's just say skiing wasn't my forte. I didn't start taking it seriously until maybe I was twelve. Most of the time it's a day trip, but I try to go every weekend I jump at any chance I get. There are also those awesome family trips," Moldenhauer said.

Not only does Molden-

hauer's appreciation and love bring him to his snowboard, but his passion and determination lead him back.

"Every year, if not every time I go out, I know I'm progressing just by doing things I know I couldn't do the time before," Moldenhauer said.

With aspirations to work or ride for a company in the future, Moldenhauer never let's the passion slip away and is just having fun for now.

"My practice and hard work is definitely showing. The things I'm doing now I never would have thought I could do two

years ago. But I think everything about snowboarding is 'cool.' It's shradical!"

Beyond his passion for snowboarding, Moldenhauer sees the sport as an outlet of expression and a way to make lasting, true friendships.

"I'd say just having a good time riding with friends and watching each other progress [is my favorite part]. Also with snowboarding you can completely be yourself. I think it's where someone's true personality comes out. I like the creativity that comes from it. It's definitely an individual sport, and that's one thing I love about it. It's all about fun and progressing. There's complete freedom when you're riding to do whatever you want. No boundaries. Also, I have an awesome group of friends to ride with. We all push each other and give or take advice; it's a pretty awesome friendship out there," Moldenhauer said.

karen burgos & emily levin

in competition

munster rivalry keeps athletics alive

For the first time all year, the away side is almost as full as home. The away is dressed in all red and white, a stark difference from the blue the home crowd is decked in. As the referee gets ready to throw the ball in the air at tip-off, it feels like the place is ready to explode.

Just the typical scene at a Munster vs. Lake Central game.

On the surface, it may be difficult to explain why certain schools, such as LC and Munster are rivals.

"I don't really know why we're rivals," Paige Biegel (11), a fan of the swim teams, said. "My older sister swam here, so I've known about the rivalry. It's been around as long as I can remember."

However, Samatha Gindl (10), a JV swimmer, involved in the rivalry have no problem describing why the rivalry exists.

"Their teams are always really good," Gindl said. "So if we beat them, it means that we're really good too."

Envy is a component in most rivalries, and this one is no exception.

"I think that LC and Munster are rivals because of the skill level. There might even be some jealousy," Grant McCormack (10) said.

Even the most casual of athletic event attendants could tell you the difference between a

regular Lake Central game and a Lake Central vs. Munster game.

"Everyone cheers louder at a Munster or a Crown Point game. It makes them that much more fun to go to," JV swimmer Michelle Sweeney (10) said.

"Munster knows that we want to beat them," Gindl said. "It makes them try really

hard. Of course, we want to beat them too, so we try even harder than usual."

Andrea Kras (10), a JV basketball player, feels the pressure on the court.

"Everyone really wants to win against Munster or Crown Point," Kras said. "We really want to win. Nobody wants to let the fans down. It makes it really intense for us on the court."

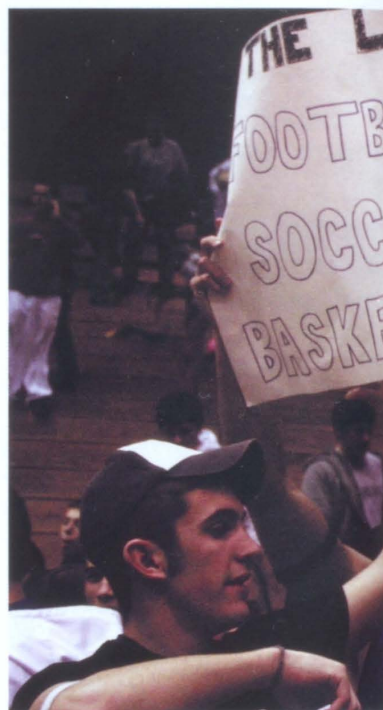
For Biegel, the difference is not only in the intensity of the competition but in the volume.

"There's a lot more cheering on both teams' sides," Biegel said, "we cheer because we're really trying to beat Munster."

With all the competition and rivalry, it can be easy to think that it is impossible for Lake Central and Munster students to get along. Students are positive this isn't the case.

"It's only a friendly rivalry," Biegel said. "I don't think anyone has any real prejudice against each other."

Emily Hogg & Faith Patena



boys vs. girls in camaraderie more than battle



"The boys and girls cross country teams have grown extremely close. This year we were just as excited for them advancing to state, just as much, if not more, than our accomplishments. It just shows how close we've become."

Danielle Kachin (12)



"The girls swimming team is really close with the boys team. We aren't going to their sectionals in cheerleading outfits, but we made tie-dye shirts and posters and are just as supportive."

Lindsey Pendergast (10)

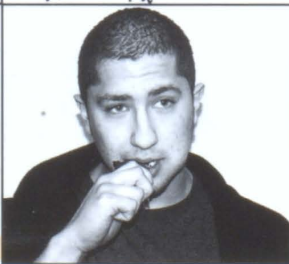
"[The cross country teams] are really close with each other. We always cheer for each other at competitions. When they advanced to state, we were both cheering for each other. We're always behind each other."

Kyle Kaciv (12)



"After five months of sharing the pool, the boys and girls swimming teams are like brothers and sisters. Like all brothers and sisters, we have fights, but we support each other when we really need to."

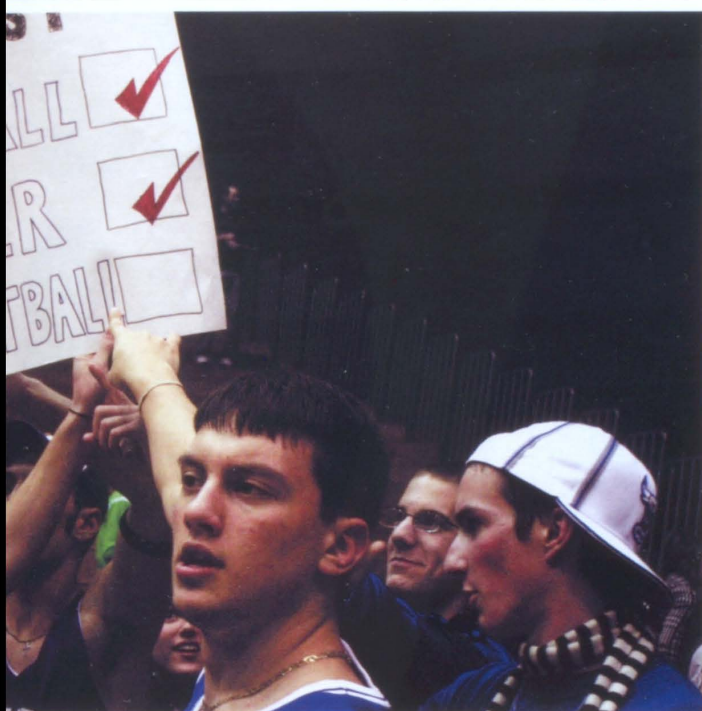
David Seaguy (11)



"I like rivalries because they make games more interesting, and the crowd participates more," Rachel Peyton (10) said.

The Varsity football team faces off against Crown Point. In addition to Munster, the Bulldogs were another rival for them. Crown Point ended up winning with a score of 24-13.

The Varsity hockey team starts their game against Munster on Senior Night. Although the hockey team's biggest rival was Crown Point, it was still a challenge to play Munster.

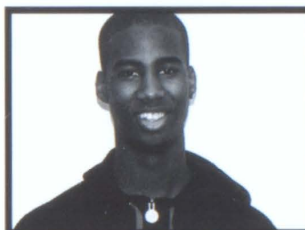


Haralambos Manosoupoulos (11) points to the check list that fans made for the Munster basketball game. Fans stormed the court after Eric Summers (11) scored the winning basket with three seconds left.

teams to look for



"The boys tennis team's biggest rival is Munster because they've won for 27 years. It's not really like a rival, but more like a dominance," Bradley Spicer (10) said.



"The boys basketball team's biggest rival is Munster because they're stuck up and arrogant and they beat us in sectionals last year," Kirk Thompson (12) said.



"The boys golf team's biggest rival is Chesterton. Golf is a totally different sport. We're each in our own worlds on our way to meets. We try to stay really focused on the way to Chesterton," Garrett Koch (12) said.



"Munster is probably the volleyball team's biggest rival, but they're not in our conference. Within our conference, it's definitely Crown Point," Baleigh Nosal (9) said.

inside three rivalries



Samantha Michalski (12)



"For volleyball, I have to say Munster, just because it's Munster. They just think they're better than everyone all the time. That's why it was awesome to beat them in sectionals."



"The biggest rival for basketball is probably between Merrillville, Michigan City and Chesterton. It's always a rough game when we play them."



"For softball, everyone is always against us because we've been so good in the past. We're always the team to beat."

"We start [conditioning] in September and go 'til December, and then the season starts. That's why we win sectionals each year," Mary Kathleen Siuba (11) said.

athletes speak of their events

in competition

"It's just a really fun sport [pole vaulting], and my coach, Mr. [Daniel] McCabe got me interested in it because he told me to try out."

Alyssa Markiewicz (10)



"My favorite part about pole vaulting is flying. It's that split second at the end."

Erica Markiewicz (11)

"My favorite event is the 300 hurdles because it's both physically and mentally challenging. I knew that if I could do that one, I could do any of them."

Kelsey Giordano (10)



"I like the 800 the best. I like any of the distance events because I like the endurance. They're hard, but I like them."

Anna Kaciug (9)

Jaclyn Henderson (12) takes a picture of Kailey Jensen (11) and Savannah Hauter (12) after winning the DAC meet. This was the team's first team title. Hauter will attend Carthage College next year on a scholarship and compete as a heptathlete, while Henderson will run track and cross country at Southern Indiana University.

The team holds up a "1" on their hands while Mr. Ron Fredrick holds up the "Regional Champions" plate. The girls took first at the Chesterton Regional for their first championship since 1996 and only the second in school history. Even though the team only took first in two events, they dominated the other schools by taking many second through fourth places.



Samantha Stewart (11) competes during long jump at the Gene Edmonds Relays at Rensselaer. Stewart and Rylee Sullivan (9) set a new meet record by jumping over 31 feet combined.

Julia Cook (11) clears the bar during a meet at Rensselaer. Gianna Mirabelli (11) cleared the state qualifying height of 11-1 earlier in the season for the event.

Shannen Reynolds (10) hands off to Madelyn Jerome (11) during the 4x400. The other two legs of the relay were Megan Plenus (10) and Kristina Hemmerling (10).





scoreboard 54-0

Indian Invite	1st	Merrillville	W 97-35
Beacon Orthopedic		LaPorte	W 104-28
Early Bird Invite (Ohio)	1st	Valparaiso	W 96-36
West Side	W 154-46	Portage	W 108-24
Wallace	W 154-23	DAC	1st
Roosevelt	W 154-19	Sectionals	1st
Michigan City	W 105-27	Regionals	1st
Chesterton	W 99-33	State	7th
Crown Point	W 85-47		

taking the trophies

deep team achieves multiple titles

"Women of Steel" is what the front of their t-shirts say and that's exactly what they are. They have the final 54-0 record at the end of sectionals to prove it too. One of the most crucial wins, though, came with the team's first Duneland Athletic Conference title.

"I was really excited, and we all cheered really loud. We didn't even hear the score," Kristina Hemmerling (10) said.

"I was so excited. It felt amazing," Rylee Sullivan (9) said of the conference win.

With an undefeated season in conference meets, the victory looked favorable for the athletes.

"I was really happy and surprised because Valpo was close at the beginning. We were favored to win, so I thought we

would, but I wasn't absolutely sure," Alana Eatinger (9) said.

The second important victory of the season came from the Calumet Sectional meet where the team edged out a highly ranked Munster by 25 points. The meet also took not one, but three days to finally complete.

"I figured we'd win because we've won so many before, but I wasn't positive," Hemmerling said.

With this win, the girls now hold the state record for most girls track and field

consecutive wins with 17. The girls knew with their history, they were the favorites for a yet another victory to add to their list of accomplishments.

"I thought we would win since we have won sectionals for the past 16 years," Sullivan said.

These championships didn't just take place in Indiana. Early in the season, the team travelled to Cincinnati, Ohio to compete. To prove how good these girls are, most of the teams competing there have won their sectional too,

and the girls beat everyone by over 100 points.

"My favorite part about travelling was the ride down. It was a lot of fun.

My favorite part about the meet was when we won by 100," Sullivan said.

"I loved going there

since I've never been to anything out-of-state for track. It was really a good opportunity, and it was a fun time for the team," Katelin Smierciak (9) said.

With such a good season and such a young team, more wins look favorable in the future.

"Our season has been amazing. A lot of people have worked really hard and deserve all the recognition. I hope we can continue our hard work and continue to do well," Smierciak said.

The girls continued their streak by becoming regional champions, beating Crown Point and Munster. The team advanced seven individuals and three relays to state for a total of 20 girls, which is almost unheard of. The girls placed a school best 7th at the state meet. The back of their t-shirts reads "Harder, Better, Faster, Stronger." With their work ethic, drive for championships and talent, competitors should not take these mottos lightly.

Katie Hanyzewski



Katherine Krull (10)

building bonds

tough practices and meets bring unity

All those hours of practice are finally paying off. These practices not only achieve faster times and farther distances, but tighter bonds as well. Even the coaches get in on all the fun.

"[I will always remember] when [Mr. Rudy] Skorupa was crowd surfing at the Portage meet," Thomas Paschen (10) said.

Meets aren't the only time these boys have a good time though.

"My most memorable moments this year would have to be singing with [Drew] Dumont (11) while running 'in and outs' during practice," Ian Segovia (11) said.

But when it comes to meets, the teammates have to stop goofing off and get serious to be successful in their events.

"[My favorite meet of the season was] when I jumped 18 feet against East Chicago. It was my best jump of the season," Anthony Halterman (11) said.

Even with the tight bond these boys have, they still give each other a hard time.

"[During the meet at Crown Point] it

was so windy, and I had a false start on my 4x400 and everyone yelled at me," Chris Zaglaras (10) said.

After the hardships have passed, the athletes know what they have to do to

focus and win their event.

"I normally do meditation before I run. I try to visualize the race and focus on winning and doing

"[I will always remember] the seniors because they pretty much led the team,"
Jacob Ponton (10) said.

my best," Jacob Ponton (10) said.

Like always, the graduating boys are some of the ones that will be missed the most on the team.

"[I will always remember] the seniors because they pretty much led the team. They helped the underclassmen a lot," Ponton said.



Kevin Snyder (12)



boys track favorite events

top interests



"Hurdles [is my favorite event]. It's more than just running. It's a challenge to get over the hurdles, and it's just fun to me."

Adam Miller (9)



"The 4 x 1 [is my favorite event]. It's a lot of fun because it is one of the shorter races."

Vincent Rendina (11)



"Discus is [my favorite event]. I set the freshmen record at the Gavitt/East Chicago meet at 128-5."

Ryan Frick (9)

"Discus [is my favorite event]. It takes a lot of hard work. You have to lift weights."

Edward McGuire (11)



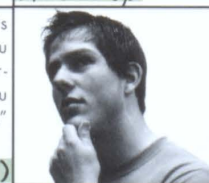
"[My favorite is] the two mile. It is a longer race so a lot more things can happen. You have to use more strategy and plan better."

Jeffery Trembacki (10)



"[My favorite event is the] 4x1, because you don't get as embarrassed because you don't have to run last."

Eric Estill (11)



"I remember practicing for pole vaulting, and it started snowing, and we kept going. No stopping a pole vaulter," Andrew Siegle (11) said.

scoreboard 18-20

DAC Indoor	8th	Gavit	W 118-22
LC Invite	2nd	E.C. Central	L 118-17
Munster	W 77-55	Valparaiso	L 38-94
Crown Point	L 59-73	Portage	L 59-73
Merrillville	L 45-87	DAC	6th
Chesterton	L 48-84	Sectionals	2nd
Michigan City	W 71-61	Regionals	14th



Scott Spicer (12) vaults during practice.

Spicer was the top vaulter the last two years and a two-time sectional champion.

Distance runners practice by running laps around the track. The boys often ran through the neighborhoods near the school and on the cross country course for practice too.



Matthew St. Amour (12) warms up before a meet. "He has represented LC at least two times already and ran all four years," Coach Rudy Skorupa said.



John Singel (12) throws discus during practice as throws coach, Mr. Doug Burns watches. Singel's best throw was 133 feet; he advanced to the Chesterton Regional by placing in the top four at the Calumet Sectional.

in with the old...

"We gave Mike Rainbolt ('07) a wedge. He's older and still comes to practice and acts like he's the boss of the team. Afterwards, he said he was going to get us back, but he never did."

Christopher Jelewski (10) said.

girls remember inside jokes

inside scoop

"I've been Krogering. When Tara [McElmurry (11)] whipped out the whole roll of stickers we thought she stole."

Erin Myers (10)



"Ground stroke, ground stroke, volley, volley, volley, overhead. On the way back from Crawfordsville Nicole Polus (12) made up that dance move."

Laurie Rutkowski (11)

"Hit wide or you're done. Because me and Nicole Polus (12) decided that hitting wide is the best way to get points off the other team."

Emily Peppin (10)



"My name is Grace because there was really no point. It was just crazy and random."

Grace Myers (11)

Laurie Rutkowski (11) shakes hands with her Lowell opponent after winning her match. Shaking hands was a common courtesy. Britni Weiner (11) stretches during warm ups before the Crown Point match. Weiner played number one Varsity doubles.



'yeah, yeah do we rock'

girls tennis just wants to have fun Every sport has their traditions, inside jokes, pasta parties and team bonding, but keeps winning at the top of their to do list. For the girls tennis team, it seems that winning comes as only an added bonus.

"I would imagine other sports care more about winning than having fun. However, in the case of tennis, we put having fun at the top of our priorities," Laurie Rutkowski (11) said.

Throughout the season the girls bond over pasta parties that the seniors hold. These parties include everything from dance parties, to t-shirt decorating and even bag tournaments.

"I love the pasta parties and the Crawfordsville trip we take," Kristin Talaber (12) said.

The biggest time for the Varsity to bond, though, is the annual trip down to Crawfordsville, IN. Although it's a long bus ride down, the tennis girls don't seem to mind one bit.

"The bus rides are a lot of fun. We blast the music and dance," Erica Yothement (10) said.

The eventful bus ride is only the beginning.

"We go out to Applebee's and then see a movie. After, we go grocery shopping and do

crazy things in the store. The next day we play very competitive matches," Grace Myers (11) said.

Throughout the season the girls face some fierce competition, but in the end, winning seems to be the smallest part of the season. As long as there's some good dancing music, food, and loving teammates

around, the girls are good to go. Winning is nice too, though. The girls had their first conference win in years against Merrillville.

"I think every sport at LC works hard, so we're pretty equal, we probably have a little more fun though," Nicole Polus (12) said.

With an improving roster and their good spirit, the hard-working, but fun girls could prove to be unstoppable in years to come.

Tara McElmurry



Grace Myers (11)

"My favorite moment was when we won the JV tournament. Impossible is nothing....except when I fractured my foot," Lauren Ashenbrener (9) said.



scoreboard 6-9

Morton	W 3-2	Valparaiso	L 0-5
Griffith	W 5-0	Portage	L 2-3
Lowell	L 2-3	Andean	W 3-2
East Chicago	W 5-0	Chesterton	L 1-4
Highland	L 0-5	Crown Point	L 1-4
West Lafayette	L 0-6	Sectionals	W 3-2
Merrillville	W 3-2	Sectionals	L 5-0
Michigan City	L 0-5		



Coach Brian Szalonek gives captain Nicole Polus (12) advice during switch over. Switch overs were the only time between games when the coach could talk to the player.

Kristin Talaber (12) hits a volley during warm ups. Talaber played number two double on Varsity with Tara McElmurry (11), and volleys were a crucial skill.

seniors' flashback



"The trip to Crawfordsville [was my favorite moment], when we were hanging out in the hotel room. Also when we beat Merrillville."
Nicole Polus (12)



"My favorite senior moment was the senior night/pizza party. We got great gifts and had fun looking at pictures and talking about the past."
Kristin Talaber (12)

seniors set an example for teammates

in the lead



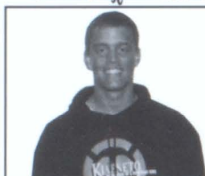
"I am a leader by striving to be the best and showing [the JV] that golf is more than just a sport."

Ryan Schuldt (12)

"I lead by example. The younger players are looking up to me."



Ronnie Prestamer (12)



"I always try to do the right thing, even if it counts against me. I always try to set a good example."

Joseph Mista (12)

"I try to focus on being positive and setting good examples. Not just for myself, but for the younger guys watching me."



Kyle Hackel (12)



"I give them advice on how to play the course and explain the rules."

Timothy Kovalinka (12)

"I try to send them in the right direction and help them out the best we can."



Garrett Koch (12)

Joseph Mista (12) practices with the varsity team at Palmira Country Club. Mista was one of seven seniors on the team. Coach John Schneider, Ronnie Prestamer (12), Kyle Hackel (12) and Stevan Ivetich (12) discuss plans for the rest of the season. As the season came to an end, Schneider informed the team of their duties at the JV tournament.



oh, the places you'll go

seniors anticipate the collegiate golf experience



"I am going to try to walk on the golf team at Loyola University," Stevan Ivetich (12) said.



"I might try to walk on at Purdue Lafayette, but I am going there to major in chemistry," Ryan Schuldt (12) said.



"I plan on pursuing my golf career by trying to walk on the IUPUI team my sophomore year," Garrett Koch (12) said.



"[Golf] is a way of life, and it must be conducted as such. Respect and honor is the essence of golf," Ryan Schuldt (12) said.

"I have learned and experienced so much of the game since freshman year," Garrett Koch (12) said.

different strokes

growing up on the golf course

It's the day of an important match. The sky is a crisp, clear blue and the sun is shining. You're about to head out onto the course for the match, but the thing is that you aren't with your team. You're heading out alone, as an individual. This scenario is boys Varsity golf team.

"I have become a mature golfer, and I understand the game now more than I ever have before. My mental focus and physical strength have been my biggest improvement," Ryan Schuldts (12) said.

Not only are you expected to play on your own, but also to improve on your own. As an

individual sport, golf requires a distinct mind set in order to proceed. Golf not only helps you to develop yourself as an athlete, but to find yourself as an individual.

"I have learned and experienced so much of the game since freshman year. I learned how to control my mental game and score," Garrett Koch (12) said.

Just as people change, athletes change.

Over the years they

learn a lot about themselves, and the athletes they play against. It's a way to figure yourself out and who you are becoming.

"I know myself better on the golf course," Kyle Hackel (12) said.

A lot of responsibility comes with playing golf, and there is much expected of you. There is a specific attitude that comes with the image of a golfer. And, as

golfers develop over the years, they learn these characteristics by examples of elders.

"Respect and honor are the characteristic traits that facilitate the cornerstone of a great leader, and I try to exude these qualities at all times," Schuldts (12) said.

Throughout your four years of high school students grow and change. Some decide their goals for their future, and some look back on how these four years have changed them.

"I've been playing since I was seven years old, and my dad introduced me to the game. Over the years, from freshman year until now, my attitude towards the game is more positive, and I've improved my game a lot," Stevan Ivetich (12).

Each athlete enters the golf match as one individual, but throughout all the learning and growing experiences, you leave the course as a team and overall a brand new individual.

Morgan Goldsmith & Sam Maloney

scoreboard 9-7

Marquette	L 2-3	Lowell	W 3-1
Highland	L 0-3	Michigan City	W 3-0
Munster	L 1-3	Merrillville	W 3-1
Michigan City	W 3-0	Crown Point	W 3-0
Merrillville	W 3-0	Portage	W 3-1
Crown Point	W 3-1	Chesterton	L 0-3
Portage	W 3-0	LaPorte	L 2-3
Chesterton	L 0-3	Valparaiso	L 2-3



Ronnie Preslmer (12)



Stevan Ivetich (12) concentrates as he takes a stroke towards the hole. This was Ivetich's fourth and final year on varsity golf.

Kyle Hackel (12) works on his swing during an end of the year practice. This was Hackel's second year as one of the varsity captains.

scoreboard 17-4-2

Hammond Morton	W 2-0	Merrillville	W 12-3
Munster	W 7-1	Crown Point	L 8-22
Highland	W 10-0	Hanover Central	W 10-9
Griffith	W 10-3	Portage	W 7-4
Thornwood	W 14-6	Valparaiso	W 7-5
Chesterton	L 7-12	Chesterson	W 10-4
Portage	W 12-2	LaPorte	L 4-11
LaPorte	L 5-7	Michigan City	W 7-6
Valparaiso	W 8-2	Bishop Noll	W 9-4
Michigan City	W 14-7	Crown Point	W 6-5
Lowell	W 16-0	Sectionals	W
Crown Point	T 5-5	Regionals	L
Crown Point	T 10-10		

Neil Koricanac (11) winds up to pitch the ball to a Munster player. Koricanac had an earned run average, or ERA, of 0.00 for the game. Ryan Boss (11) helps a child with special needs learn baseball. "It was a great opportunity for all of us. It showed us exactly what the game of baseball was really about - fun. I especially had a great time with my camper, Zach; he was the best," Boss said.



The Varsity baseball team stands and watches in the dugout as their players go up to bat. The team took a win at the Railcats stadium against Thornwood.



Max Majchrzak (10) throws to Anthony Olund (11) who covers first base. Olund hit his first Varsity home run in his high school career during this game against Merrillville.



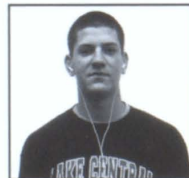
out to get crown point

the boys share their thoughts on their biggest rival



Steven Traficante (11)

"It was ridiculous that we had to play them three times in one week and just start over. By the third game all you wanted was the game to end, and come out with a victory."



Kyle Scheffel (11)

"They're always good; we're always good. We're both like topped rank teams in the state, and it's always a good game. It's the most looked forward game to game on our schedule."



Daniel Manick (12)

"They are so close to us, so we've always played them since we were kids. It's always been Dyer vs. Crown Point. We were always taught to want to beat them and never lose."



Andrew Doyle (12)

"It's always a close game. They usually come out on top so when we play them and beat them it's always nice. Playing them since little league makes you really want to beat them."

"I look up to Ryan Boss (11) the most because he is a really good hitter, and a great role model," Kyle Dickelman (9) said.

"I look up to Anthony Olund (11) because I've played with him a couple of years, and he has watched out for me," Mark Barnes (9) said.

Frank Ruvoli (11) lands on third base to save an out for the team. Ruvoli was the team's starting catcher and one of the teams exceling hitters.



players get focused for their games

in the zone



"We listen to all sorts of music that gets everyone pumped and in the zone for the game"

Kyle Kalva (11)

"I usually run sprints, do push-ups and just keep my cool to stay focused and keep my head in the game."

Elio Zamparelli (11)



"Usually our team will get in a huddle and have a speech within the team about the game. I also listen to music to get in the zone"

Max Muechbreck (10)



"I try to do as little as possible, so I do not get tired. I take some fly balls and do some batting practice."

Joseph Kawa (12)



lessons learned

team helps special needs kids achieve their goals

The baseball team is a team filled with dedicated, hard working athletes; baseball players work hard, so hard in fact, they don't usually have time for much else. But they were able to make time for a special day, a day that would be remembered not only by the baseball players, but by the entire community.

The baseball team took a day off from practicing, games and weightlifting to help mentally handicapped children work their way to becoming well-rounded baseball players.

"It was a great opportunity to give kids a chance to have fun and learn the game of baseball," Roger Sammon (11) said.

Sammon, along with the rest of the baseball team, helped the children with the basics of hitting, fielding, throwing and catching.

"My buddy really liked to hit the ball. It was surprising how well he could play for how young he was," Brian Crider (10) said.

The Challengers Camp helped the baseball

players learn a lot about themselves as well. It helped them realize how lucky they were to be part of an elite group such as the Varsity baseball team.

"The team realized how lucky they were because they were able to look at it from a different perspective," Coach Todd Iwema said.

Each player had his own reason for wanting to be part of the baseball camp.

"When I was in 5th grade, I helped take care of a 1st grade kid named Alec with down syndrome, and I knew that Alec played for the team, so I helped him at the camp," Eric Summers (11) said

The baseball players have learned a lesson while helping these children.

"I have learned that it only takes a little bit of help to do something that meaningful," Sammon said.

The boys did not only learn, but they realized that doing something so simple and exciting can really help change their perspective on life, and they now know that you can make a difference one little step at a time.

"When you treat people with respect and take advantage of things like these, it actually makes you feel good," Crider said.

All the boys thought it was a great idea, and if they had the opportunity to do it again, they would willingly repeat the successful camp.

"It was one of the best moments in my high school baseball career," Matthew Skura (11) said.

Amanda Welch & Jenna Noel

"It was one of the best moments in my high school baseball career,"
Matthew Skura (10) said.



Eric Summers (11)



in memory

the girls' favorite times

"My favorite memory was slaughtering Munster 15-2 after teepeeing the team the night before."

Rachel Weaver (12)



"My favorite memory was teepeeing Munster the night before then slaughtering them 15-2 the next day."

Meredith Cioffi (11)

"My favorite memory was teepeeing Munster the day before we played them and beating them 15-2."

Danielle Tencza (12)



"My favorite memory was all of the Saturday games, and the bus rides when we would sing songs and dance."

Ashley Cuthbert (11)

The team and Coach Mr. Kenneth Shields congregate on the mound during a timeout. Mr. Shields had been assisting the team for two seasons.



The softball team participates in synchronized throwing. The drill was a part of their warm-up tradition, and they did it before every single practice and game.

Sarah Shields (12) catches the ball on a close play at second. The Valparaiso base runner was called out on a "bang-bang" play. Samantha Michalski (12) ducks out of the way of a pitch headed straight for her head. She was able to narrowly avoid the high and tight fast-ball and continue with her at-bat.



Rachel Weaver (12) delivers a pitch to the opposing batter. Weaver had been one of the most consistent pitchers on the team this year.

"It's great to start off the season as well as we are doing because it makes the season so much more exciting," Jessica Dobson (11) said.

scoreboard

24-6

Munster	W 15-2	Highland	W 5-3
Penn	L 1-3	Crown Point	W 7-3
Crown Point	W 7-1	Merrillville	W 12-0
Merrillville	W 10-0	Avon	L 1-5
DeKalb	W 1-0	Carmel	W 3-1
South Bend Adam	W 6-0	Valparaiso	W 10-0
Pendleton Heights	L 0-1	Chesterton	W 6-1
Portage	L 5-6	LaPorte	W 12-1
Franklin Central	L 0-3	Michigan City	W 10-2
Turkey Run	W 10-0	Homewood Flossmoor	W 7-3
McCutcheon	L 0-2	Portage	W 12-4
Chesterton	W 8-0	Lowell	W 15-5
Valparaiso	W 23-0	Griffith	W 5-4
LaPorte	W 10-0	Highland	W 4-3
Michigan City	W 10-0	Sectionals	L
Lafayette Harrison	W 2-0		



Jessica Dobson (11)

for the fun of it

traditions lead girls to a strong team bond

Softball is all about traditions. The crazy pre-game rituals, and the over-enthusiastic cheers are what make softball what it is. The girls that play this sport live and breathe softball. Some of them couldn't imagine their lives without it.

"[I play because] I can't live without it. It's my life," Danielle Tencza (12) said.

Tencza has played softball for 12 years and is

"[I play because] I can't live without it. It's my life,"

Danielle Tencza (12) said.

not looking to play in college when she graduates.

The team, like many others, has many traditions that they create and partake in.

"We recently started doing the cha-cha slide during our warm-ups and that got us

pumped up for the game," Ashley Cuthbert (11) said.

These pre-game rituals allowed for some of the stress to be taken off of the game, while still bonding the girls together to create a

stronger team.

"[Our traditions included] doing the casper slide before every game, eye black and dancing on bus rides," Meredith Cioffi (11) said.

Cioffi was injured for some of the season after

she tore her ACL during basketball season.

Originally, she was not going to be able to play at all this

season, but she recovered quickly and was still able to play part of the season.

"My favorite game was Franklin Central because it was my first game back from knee surgery, and I was just happy to be back in the game," Cioffi said.

Cioffi's presence on the field has definitely affected the team in a positive way. Cioffi is the starting second baseman now that she is back and recovered from her injury.

Team performance outweighs personal accomplishments. With these girls, it's definitely a team effort. These girls would do anything to help the team win. Ultimately, it's the memories and bonds, not the record, that make a great team.

Chris Einfers & Faith Patena

"Impressing the millions of fans and doing good this year is what I looked forward to this season," James Wanda (10) said.

Nicholas Martinez (9) dives back to first base as the Valparasio pitcher tries to pick him off. Martinez went on to score, and he helped the freshman baseball team pull off a win this game.



Melanie Bates (10) runs during a meet against Portage. Bates ran distance and middle distance events for the team. The JV, just like the Varsity team, went undefeated for the year.

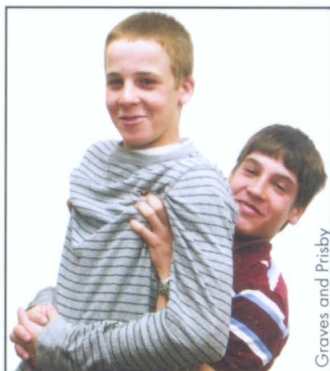


Kurt Kudrecki (10) bats in their first game versus Hammond. Kudrecki not only pitched for JV, he had the opportunity to pitch for Varsity as well.



season highlights

JV boys
golf reveal
top scores
and favorite
events



Graves and Prisky

best score: 39

biggest event: "[When] I played varsity in the longest living tournament in the U.S."



Tyler Graves (10)

best score: 38

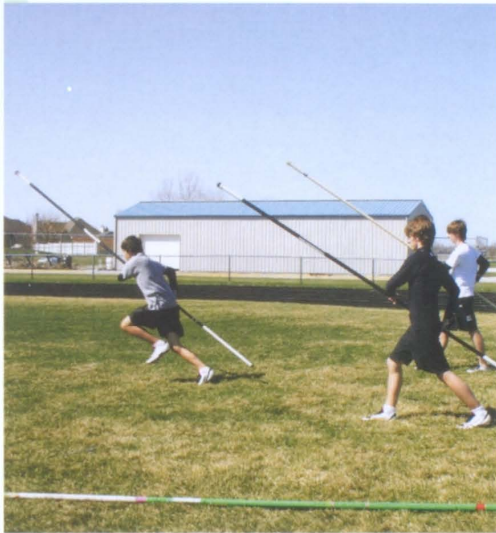
biggest event: "It was the LC Invite because it was the most challenging to win."



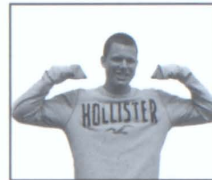
Bernard Prisky III (11)

"The meets were my favorite part of the track season. They're so fun, and you get to improve your times," Alyssa Ippolito (9) said.

Jake Markiewicz (9), Lucas Panfil (11) and Zachary Ryba (9) practice together for pole vaulting. Markiewicz's two sisters, Alyssa (10) and Ericka (11), were both vaulters on the girls track and field team.



struggles through the season



"The hardest part about this season was dealing with everyone on the [baseball] team."

Nicholas Johnson (9)

"Losing to Munster [for baseball] was the hardest part about the season. They have been our rival through the years."

Edward Moldenhauer (9)



"Our [softball] games against Munster have been the toughest part. We were always so close to beating them this season."

Katherine Skura (10)

"The hardest part of the [softball] season was running after games and at practice."

Margaline Harris (10)



incomprehensible

forty love

girls make their way to an undefeated season

Imagine the excitement. Your team is undefeated and you still have some of the season left. Will you all do well? What does the future have in store? This is exactly what it was like for JV girls tennis.

"It is an exciting feeling to be undefeated so far this season. We have improved so much since last year," Erin Myers (10) said.

It takes great wins and effort to get as far as this up-and-coming team has.

"The highlight of the season was dominating the LaPorte tournament. We got first place, and everyone got trophies," Emily Shaw (11) said.

But, there are still some games to come in the season for these undefeated girls.

"I'm sure the upcoming matches will be challenging, but it makes me just work harder," Panagiota Manousopoulos (9) said.

Another teammate has a different aspect for the future challenges that the JV team faces. She focuses more on the team as a whole.

"I think JV can stay undefeated if we

keep playing as well as we have," Myers said.

Practice does make perfect. These tennis girls put in many hours on the court for practice to

maintain the status that they have earned this season.

"We practice six days a week for about two and a half hours every day," Shaw said.

However, a team

would be nothing without a good, knowledgeable coach to hold the athletes all together.

"Coach [Bryan] Szalonek is so funny, but he helps you get better at the same time," Manousopoulos said.

Similar thoughts about their dedicated coach are felt by most of the teammates.

"Our coach reminds us of the basics and to be consistent. He is always ready to give us some advice," Shaw said.

The team has a lot of positive thoughts as they look back on the season so far.

"This season was absolutely amazing. It was so much fun," Myers said.

The fun continued for the girls. They completed their longstanding goal and finish the season as an undefeated team.

Annemarie rompca & stacy sobek



"There is no 'I' in team," Cory Frank (9) said.

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in the park

students talk about playing a sport outside of school



"I would rather play a sport outside school because it's a more laid back, and I think it's more fun."

Vincent Pucci (10)



"I would rather play sports outside of school rather than for the school because I get to meet more people who are interested in the same sport as I am."

Jennifer Schafer (9)

"All of the players you've played with before, so you know everyone gets a chance to play."

Matthew Bremer (11)



"I would rather play a sport outside of school because you are not under as much pressure, and you meet so many new people."

Brittany Buferman (11)



Dyer Babe Ruth's White Sox team huddles around the coach after they made three outs. The Babe Ruth teams from Dyer played teams from Schererville and St. John as well.



Samantha Jostes (12) rides her horse, Hollywood, in the 2007 Breeders Cup. Jostes had been riding for seven years and won four titles.

Robert Slevnik (9) jumps over a hill while practicing for motorcross. Slevnik was an Indiana state champion and undefeated.



Brittany Gadus (10) and Zachary Schuch [Kahler, 8th] fight to get the ball away from each other in Dyer Kickers. The green team ended up winning the game.





Thomas Crook (11)

Champion clay pigeon shooter

Q: What exactly is shooting clay pigeons?

A: "Basically throw[ing] a circle disc in the air, made of clay, at the speed of 60-100 mph. They throw them in different angles and heights. There are usually 12-16 stations with 2-4 pairs of each station."

Q: How long have you been shooting for?

A: "I have been shooting for 7 years and been shooting for All American and competition for 5 years."

Q: What was the last tournament you were just in, and how did it feel to do so well?

A: "I last shot at the Mardi-Gras Open in New Orleans. It's always a good feeling to do anything well. As for now it feels great to shoot well and finish with the best in the world."



for the love of the game

some just enjoy the game

Some students enjoy playing sports for their school, however there are some students here that just enjoy playing their sport for love the game.

"My mom signed me up to play softball when I was five, and I've been playing for eleven years," Emily DeMario (10) said.

This is how students get started. Their parents sign them up to have a fun activity to do during the week, and if they enjoy themselves they keep going year after year.

"I got started playing

soccer for Dyer when I signed up for the Dyer Kickers there 10 years ago," Daniel Heath (10) said.

Being a part of a sport for such a long time just shows how much students really love the game.

"School is all about winning. I didn't even try out for Lake Central

Softball because it's all politics," DeMario (10) said.

Not all students thrive on the pressure to win a game.

With playing sports for your school, there is more of a pressure to achieve a certain goal rather than playing for the love of the game. For some, playing the game with friends is what playing their beloved sport is all about.

Off campus sports give students

the opportunity to be apart of more activities and still have the experience of being on a team sport.

"Playing softball outside of school is nice because I can have a life," DeMario (10) said.

Playing sports that don't require one-hundred percent commitment gives students the opportunity to enjoy other activities such as having a job, playing other sports and being in clubs. So, for a less demanding schedule and more options, many athletes will continue to look to community teams for their athletic hobbies.

Katy Bastie & Stephanie Slevnik



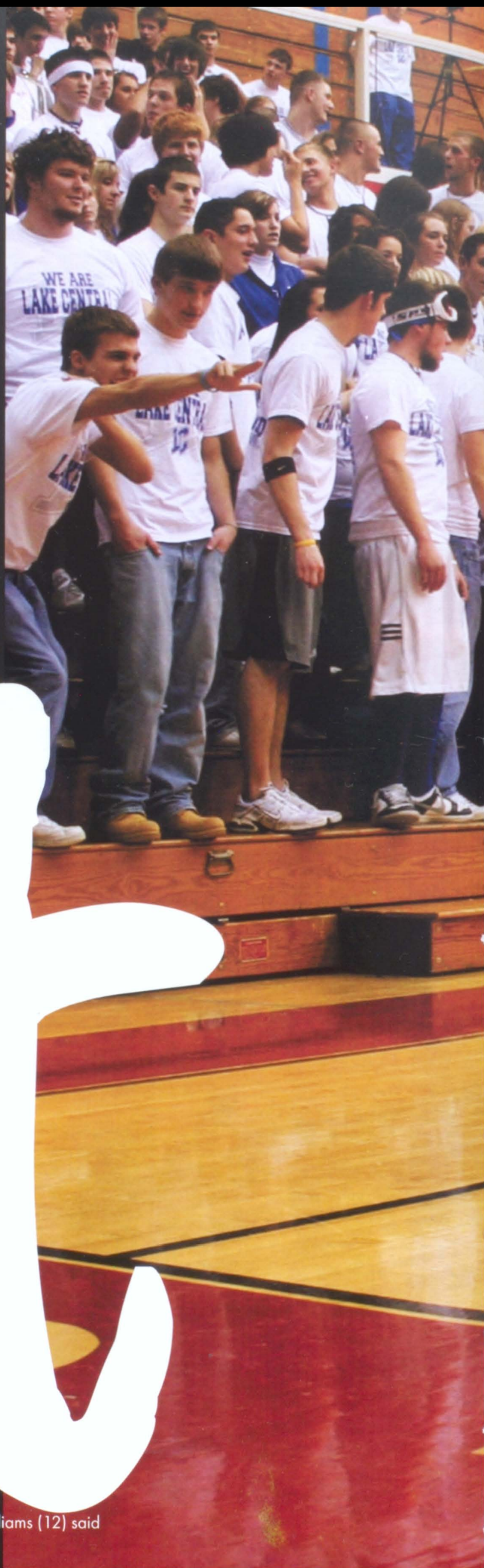
Racquel Mazer (10)

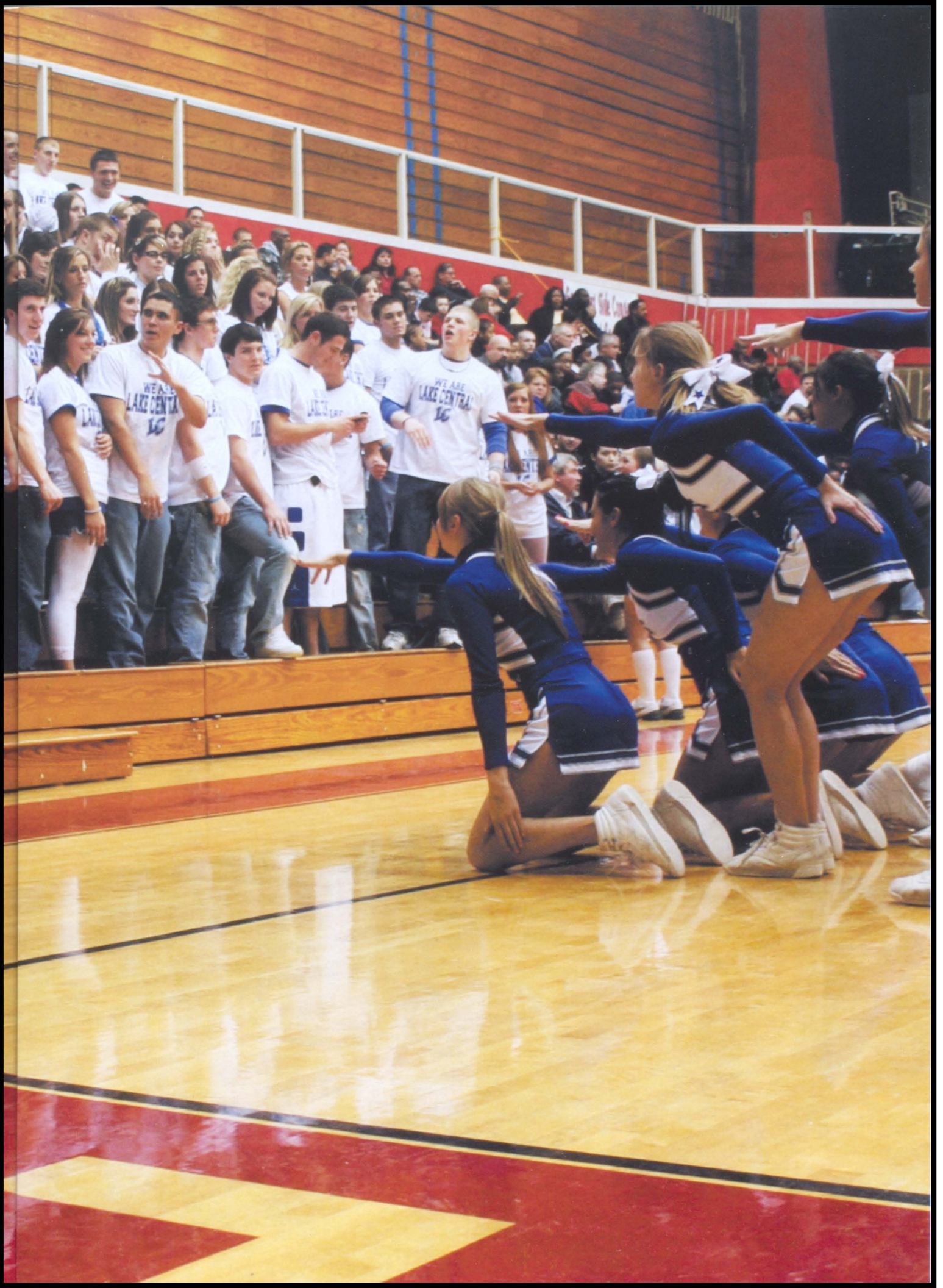
"Even though my sister and I like the same things, we have different personalities. I am creative; Leah is more random," Rachel Cervinske (11) said.

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"My objective for school is to get smarter than I was yesterday," Nicholas Williams (12) said

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we can't help but be



that set us apart

pointing out the differences

Intimidating to some, but essential for others, standing out is an inevitable part of our high school careers.

Entering the school, antennas are out. What is everyone wearing? What is acceptable? What is so last year? From Uggs to Crocs, our footwear has been one of a kind. Sometimes funky footwear isn't enough. Some students had to use a whole day of the week to show off their distinctive style.

Dressing up on Wednesday isn't anything compared to the big event of the winter. Girls begin to freak out as January 26 bears down closer and closer. With the date lined up, tux rented and the \$40 tickets bought, matching the tie to the dress falls to the back of students' minds as the extreme price for the party bus is totaled.

Once the party bus debt is paid off and the tuxes are returned to Dunhill, it is time to prepare for the early spring break. Rushing to Target to find that perfect swimsuit or tanning at Beach Tan is a typical routine before visiting the tropics, but sometimes fun in the sun isn't a phrase on students' minds. Overachievers fill their free week with last minute NHS hours and strenuous 6 a.m. practices.

When we come back to finish up the last leg of the year, we make the most anticipated and often clichéd memory of our high school careers—prom. With all the anticipation, this night can go any direction. Breaking a heel at the dance can almost ruin the night, but ending it at the Cheesecake Factory in Chicago can make any wardrobe malfunction obsolete.

After all the festivities, our finest talents polish off their routines and skits for the annual talent show. From beat boxing to card tricks, the talent show is our classmates' time to seize the limelight and their fifteen minutes of fame.

Then it's finally time to cure senioritis. It's time to say goodbye to those seniors that will be stepping on the stage of the Star Plaza and walking off as graduated adults anxiously taking on the world and whatever college awaits them.

Along with all the traditions and routines that make us stand out, there are the people that become our student body. These people are our friends, classmates, role models, enemies or just that random person we bump into while dodging backpacks and soccer balls through E-hall. Whether they are a male cheerleader, like Kyle Pratt (11), or their own hero, like Lauren Bade (12), they all have their own story.

Whether we're falling down the freshman center stairs or singing to passing period music like "All the Small Things" by Blink 182, we can't help but be ourselves.

we've got the look

pumping up with passion

Working out may seem like just another day at the gym. Most people see it as a chore, a job. But for a select few, it's a passion. Steven Grabarek (12) and William Green (12), also known as the "Big Rigs", are cousins who love to work out. Trips to the gym come six times a week and last about an hour per trip.

Keeping up their physically taxing routine since freshman year, these two are nearly inseparable. They work out at Gators Gym and Cardinal Fitness. They try to help and motivate each other as much as they can.

"I tell Will I'm bigger than him, and he gets mad and tries harder," Grabarek said.

The Big Rigs also like listening to music while they work out to motivate them.

"My favorite song to listen to is 'Sexy Back.' It gets me pumped," Grabarek said.

A good attitude is a great way to have positive results from working out. Because of their strenuous workout schedule, they try to keep a healthy diet. To help with their diets and gain more muscle, the Big Rigs take protein supplements and drink protein shakes.

"We try to stay away from fast food. Foods with a lot of protein are good, too," Grabarek said.

Green and Grabarek's workout program has not only helped them to keep healthy, but it has also helped them to excel in sports. Grabarek used to play indoor soccer, and Green used to play baseball.

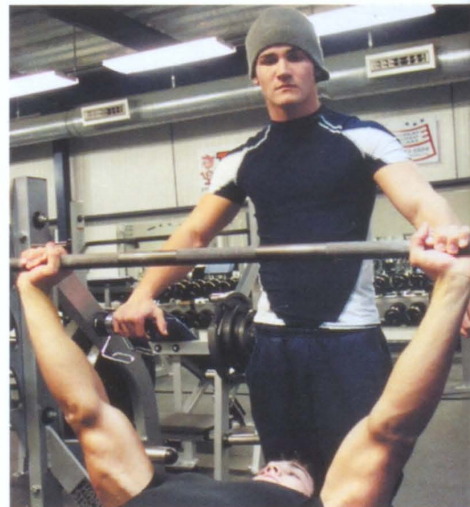
Lindsey Janiga & Chris Einfert



1 William Green (12) warms up his biceps before starting his exercise. Stretching before more strenuous exercises helps prevent muscle strains

2 Steven Grabarek (12) and Green work on their biceps. The two cousins continuously tried to outdo each other with every lift.

3 Green spots Grabarek as he works out using the bench press. Bench press helps strengthen the bicep, tricep and pectoralis muscles.



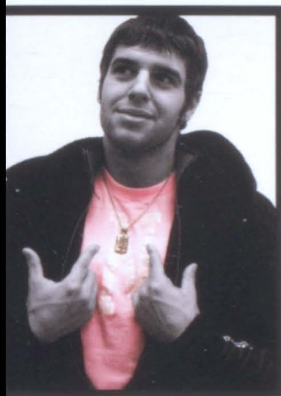
"I shower a billion times a day to make sure I smell and look good," Jay Harris (10) said.

"I like Hollister because it's not as expensive as other brands, but it looks good," Eric Estill (11) said.

paying the price



name: Nicole Moon (12)
cost of outfit: At least \$100-\$500
favorite makeup/grooming goods: Mac, Smashbox, Aveda
favorite stores: Abercrombie and Fitch, Ruehl, Nordstrom's
cost of hair: \$130 at Antonio Michaels
tanning: Raydiance



name: Marshall Kaczmark (12)
cost of outfit: \$50 to \$500
favorite makeup/grooming goods: Paul Mitchell and Goldwell
favorite stores: Nordstrom's, Abercrombie and Fitch, Express
tanning: November to January at Omni

most popular tanning salons

- 1 Beach Tan 12%
- 2 Planet Beach 11%
- 3 L.A. Tan 10%
- 4 Other 51%
- 5 Don't tan 36%

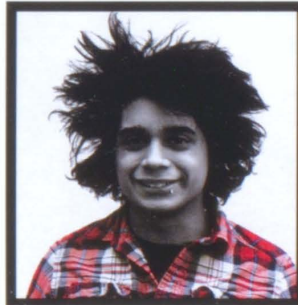
hairstylin'



1 "I get out of the shower, then I put gel in it, and then I blow dry it. I guess I'm really lucky to have curly hair because I get a lot of compliments," Brittany Bencur (10) said.



2 "I changed my hair to blue because it was something different. I first had pink, now I have blue and next maybe green. Everyone wants me to do green," Amanda Denney (11) said.

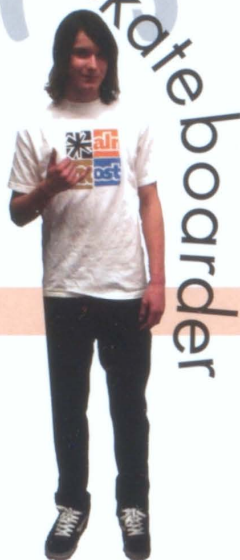


3 "I just get out of bed, run my fingers through it and go with it. It's easy to take care of, and I really don't have to do anything with it. I don't plan on cutting it for a while," Sean Vidal (12) said.



4 "I do my hair myself, and I've always wanted to do hair. I want to go to college for hairdressing. I'm unique and different, and I just don't like to be like everyone else," Lisa Ramirez (9) said.

fashion forward



skateboarder

benjamin weber (11)

favorite store? Active Mail Order

why this style? I started as a kid, so I just grew up that way and kept with it.

care about what people think of you? Yeah, deep down I do

favorite piece of clothing? My shoe string around my waist

thoughts about stereotypes?

I'm over it; I don't see the hype about stereotypes.



hippie

anna doherty (12)

favorite store? Greenfields, Thrift Stores

why this style? My middle school teacher, Mr. Christensen, introduced me to the 60's culture. My parents also influenced me.

care about what people think of you? No

thoughts about stereotypes?

I don't consider myself a hippie. I just live a hippie lifestyle.



hip-hop

diunte hughes (12)

favorite store? Footlocker, Champs

why this style? It looks good on me. Sometimes my music influences my clothes too.

care about what people think of you? No, because everyone has their taste in clothing.

thoughts about stereotypes?

Never judge a book by it's cover because you wouldn't want to be judged on what you wear.

this year's must-haves

Alaina Ciarrocchi (11) and Nolan Rogers (9)



ugg boots

"I wear Ugg Boots because they're cute and comfortable. Even though they're expensive, they're worth it," Ciarrocchi said.



hoodies

"It looks like a bear, and I love bears. When I put it on I look like a big, cute teddy bear, and it makes me warm," Rogers said.



baby dolls

"They're über fabulous. I don't care if [people] say you look pregnant. I have like six, and in every color," Kathryn Boyle (11) said.

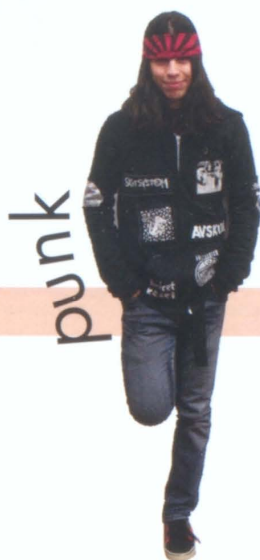
"I love choir fashion. Everyone wears black, except Ms. [Sandy] Hobbs, who wears gold to every concert," Brittany Grantham (12) said.

"I like to go to school feeling comfortable in whatever I'm wearing," Karina Valdivia (11) said.



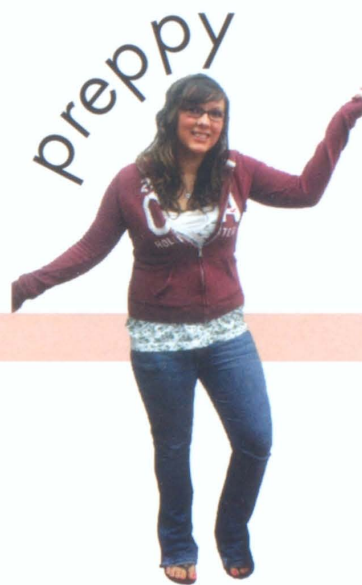
ethan sommer (11)

favorite store? Thrift Stores
why this style? I dress comfortably because it feels good.
care about what people think of you? No, because that's their opinion and I don't care.
favorite piece of clothing? My Spider Man hat
thoughts about stereotypes? People think I'm lazy because I wear pajama's, but I'm not.



alexander santos (10)

favorite store? The Skate Shop
why this style? The music I listen to, D-beat, influences the way I dress.
care about what people think of you? No
favorite piece of clothing? My jacket because I made it.
thoughts about stereotypes? I don't like that I'm stereotyped. People think I'm lazy because of the way I dress.



caleigh chelbana (9)

favorite store? Hollister, Delia*s
why this style? It's cute and trendy. It's not too flashy.
care about what people think of you? No
favorite piece of clothing? Cute sweatshirts from Hollister
thoughts about stereotypes? I think it's stupid. People can dress how they want.

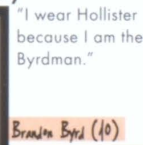
this is what I wear and why

standing out



"I wear whatever I feel like wearing, and hopefully it looks good."

Amy Dulek (12)



"I wear Hollister because I am the Byrdman."



"I wear Converse because they're comfortable. My green Converse are my favorite. They tell a story. The reason why they're dirty is because I had a midnight mud adventure on a Thursday night. It was a school night. They also have stamps on them from Open Mic nights at Svago."

Allya Skarbek (10)



"I wear purple shoes with a Mickey Mouse watch."

Robert C. Marubias (9)



"I wear slippers most days. I have a lot different pairs to match with my outfits."

Taylor Rinnole (9)



colette herald, tiffany pavlovic & jessica thomas

video game mania

out of reality, into virtuality

3 a.m. - You're eyes are heavy, but the Monster in your hand is helping you stay awake, that, and the motivation to beat Level 8 of your new video game obsession.

6 a.m. - The alarm clock rings. You haven't slept all night and you're homework isn't done. You stayed up all night to beat the game, and you're still trying to beat the same level you've worked on for 3 hours. Do you stay home or go to school and day dream about strategies for when you get home?

"Me and the boys sometimes stay up until six in the morning perfecting our abilities in the game. It takes a lot of Monster and commitment," Corey McNulty (11) said.

Not only is Counter Strike Source a source of entertainment, but a network to connect people from all around the country.

"You meet some amazing people. One of our buddies lives in New Mexico. He's in the Air Force and is going to Iraq soon," Patrick Fritz (11) said.

To become skilled at Counter Strike Source it takes a lot of hard work and dedication to perfect each technicality of the game.

"It's more fast paced than other games. It takes a lot of strategizing. I play every night for 1-2 hours," George Fotopoulos (11) said.

To these students Counter Strike is a form of entertainment. It allows them to stay connected even when they're apart.

Lina dimaggio, morgan goldsmith & sam maloney



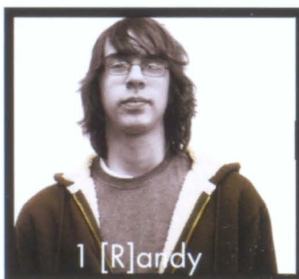
Fifa '07 Soccer



Guitar Hero



Counter Strike Source



"Me and the boys sometimes stay up until six in the morning perfecting our **abilities** in the game [Counterstrike Source]."

Corey McNulty (11) said.

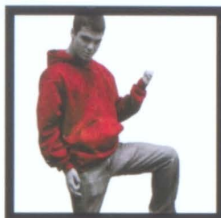
- 1 Andrew Pierzchalski (11) "It's a good game and everyone should play it."
- 2 Corey McNulty (11) "It's the best feeling to own everyone with your closest friends."
- 3 Patrick Fritz (11) "It's a really competitive game, and I'm insanely competitive."
- 4 Jeffrey Hartman (11) "Counterstrike is better than other games because it has a quicker pace."
- 5 George Fotopoulos (11) "It's like basketball, and if everyone doesn't do their part, the team loses."

"Call of Duty 4 is extremely intense, fast-paced and there's a lot of destruction," Colin Hoernig (11) said.

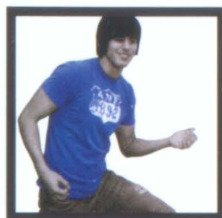
"I like video games because when you're bored, it gives you something to do," Bradley Zditosky (11) said.



guitar hero



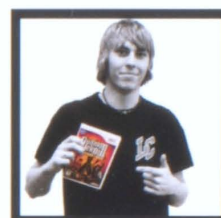
"I've been playing for one year. I feel like I am a guitar hero. I play with my leather pants and cutoff shirt on. It's like I'm actually playing and there's a crowd watching me. I run home after school every day and play for an hour," Zachary Langbeen (12) said.



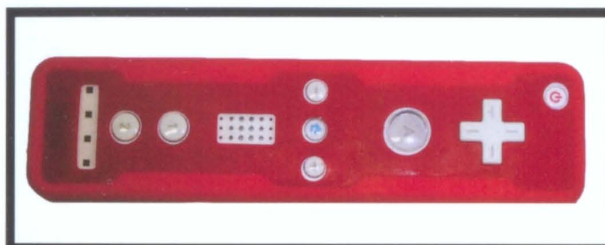
"It's fun to play. I've been playing for about a year. I usually play with Jeremy Harrison (11), and it's a very addicting game. I play from when I get home at 2:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. I feel like I'm actually in a band. It's very exciting," Joshua Hauter (11) said.



"Guitar Hero makes me happy. I wear my red Teletubby halloween costume while I play. I always want people to challenge me. I would love to compete against leather pants man [Zachary Langbeen]," Sylwia Pilat (12) said.



"I play on the weekends. I like a lot of the songs. It's more fun to play with friends. It's better than other video games, because it requires talent," Matthew Philbin (11) said.



the wii mania



"I've been playing [Wii] since Christmas. I got it for a Christmas gift. My parents couldn't find one anywhere, so they had to go on Ebay and get one. Guitar Hero is my favorite. I'm kind of addicted to it. Wii is interactive, and I like that you get to move around and do stuff with it. I usually play with my friends or my brother. It's more fun facing other people," Lynn Zeheralis (9) said.



"I've been playing [Wii] since this summer. My favorite thing is that you can stand up and move when you play. Guitar Hero is my favorite. I like rocking out. I usually play with my little sister and friends. One time, I accidentally hit my sister in the face while playing. It might be more dangerous playing Wii rather than other games, but it's also more fun so it's worth it," Ashley Wojcik (9) said.

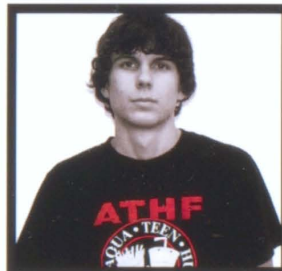
what is your obsession?

call of duty



"I play all the Halo's and Call of Duty. I play pretty much every day, and I play with my brother a lot. My brother got me into video games. It's a lot of fun because of all the stuff that goes on in it. I beat the third Halo after eight straight hours of playing, but my brother helped me. I probably have over 100 games. I love video games, and it's fun to do this and be different than how other girls are," Jessica Tas (9) said.

world of warcraft



"I've been playing video games since I was five. I usually play every day or every other day for about an hour. I always made fun of World of Warcraft, but then I started playing and I got really into it. I called it 'hitting rock bottom,' so I quit. My friends got me into it again, so it was kind of like hitting rock bottom again. Right now I've quit World of Warcraft, but I don't think I'll ever quit all games," Matthew Rybicki (11) said.

fifa



"I enjoy playing FIFA. I play three days a week. I'm not obsessed; I just enjoy it. My favorite team on the game is Manchester United. I like playing because it's soccer. FIFA is like something I play on a rainy day when I have nothing to do. My fiercest competition is my friend Stefan. It's a lot more heated when he plays. We're both really competitive. I don't fly. It's a celebration. No flying," Adam Misirly (11) said.

in the group

what do you do together?

1 "We like to go to shows a lot and mosh hard. We are always hanging out. We go to 'Round the Clock and Zak's Crazy Eight's all the time, and we usually end up crashing at someone's house at night. Scott's [house] is the best because he has flying squirrels in his attic and his mom gives us food," Joshua Dills (12) said.

Top: Brett Rusin (11), Emilio Rodriguez (11), Kyle Yates (10), Middle: Tiffany Schoonmaker (11), Ariel LeMatty (11), Elizabeth Coutroubis (11), Amanda Unhock (11), Brooke Brady (11), Vivien Schremp (11) Bottom: Scott Murga (11), Joshua Dills (12)

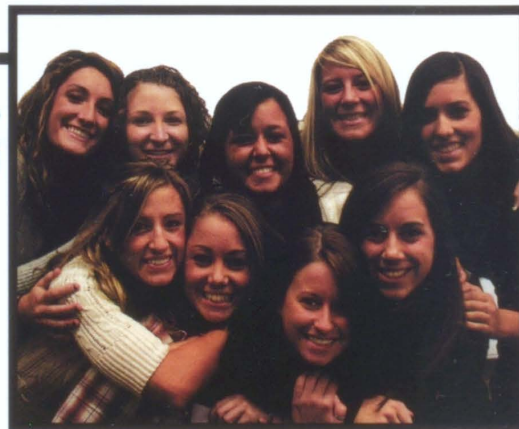
Courtney Broadhead, Brooke Bughong & Vivien Schremp



B.L.T. big lunch table

Alyssa Goodfriend (11), Mallory Horvat (11), Paulina Kounelis (11), Kristy Swets (11), Amanda Pyrz (11), Alyssa Rotondi (11), Amanda Welch (11), Angela Gallagher (11) and Meredith Cioffi (11)

"In 7th grade most of us sat at different lunch tables, but we were all friends. It made no sense, so we all decided to sit at one table, with just us. We all ran to lunch and found a table. There were nine of us squished at a tiny table. We were all acting crazy, as usual. We put our hands in the middle chanting 'BLT, BLT, BLT.' It stood for 'Big Lunch Table'. We've been friends since 7th grade, and it's still going strong. Our friends have very different personalities. We each have our own characteristics that make up our group and who we are," Kristy Swets (11) said.



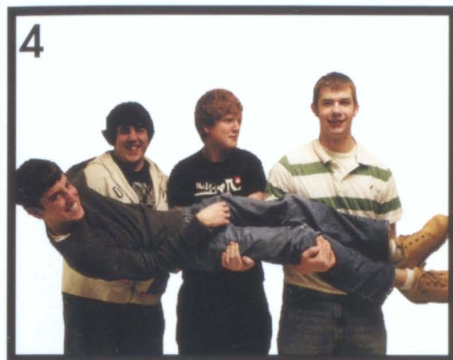
"Me and my friends dance to music and act stupid," Kelsi Henry (12) said.

"Me and my friends mosh," Michael Maynard (11) said.



Lisa Zandy (10)
Danijela Koncalovic (12)
Lindsay Cross (12)

2 "When we hang out in digital photography class, we take pictures, upload them onto the computer and edit them in Photoshop. We go online, listen to music and just chill," Danijela Koncalovic (12) said.



Cara Howes (10), Chelsea Grady (10), Bridget Swope (10), Katherine Gergets (10), Emily Fanno (10), Kelsey Giordano (10), Alyssa Grkinich (10), Megan Fife (10)

3 "We [my friends and I at lunch] all just have fun together and laugh a lot. It takes away from the stressful day. We always have crazy stories to tell," Kelsey Giordano (10) said.

4 **Matthew Cashen (11), Joseph O'Rourke (11), Austin Meyers (11), Micheal Peddycord (11):** "JAMM Productions is a local low budget movie company ran by my friends and me. Every day, we make magic with the camera and bring it to your computer. Our ultimate goal is to take the cyber-world by storm while staying local to our fans," Matthew Cashen (11) said.

stand out from your friends

out of the box



"I'm different from my friends because I'm more outgoing."

Hillary Fanno (12)

"I'm different from my friends because I have a beard and no one else does."



Spencer Haman (12)



"I have a variety of friends and hang out with different groups of people. I'm a little bit of all my friends."

William Gaerlich (12)

"I stand out because my friends keep their mouths shut; I don't. I stick up for my friends."



Megan Wheeler (11)



"I stand out from my friends because I play guitar in Jazz Ensemble II."

Allison Anson (9)

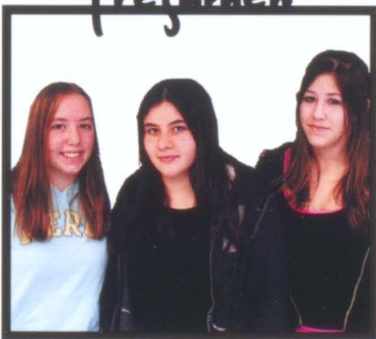
"I'm different from my friends because I'm in golf and theater, and they're different groups of people."



Marina Mayabeyce (9)

freshmen

"It's easier to be in class when your friends are with you," Ashley Applegate (9) said.

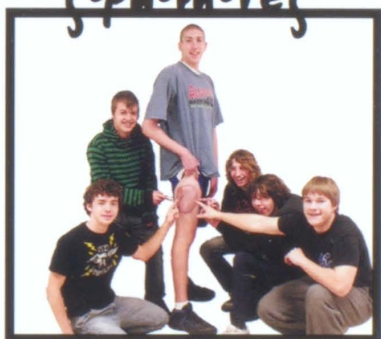


Nicole Krstulovich (9), Madeline Benavides (9) and Applegate have known each other since 8th grade and ended up in the same SRT.

"The class is more fun," Krstulovich said. The girls usually spend most of their SRT time talking to each other about outside life. Sometimes they make time to help each other with homework.

"Friendship is the way to success," Benavides said.

sophomores



No one ever expects to end up in the hospital after a fun day with friends, but for Jeffery Tharp (10) that's exactly what happened on July 14, 2007.

"We went over to Twitch's [Marc Brouillette (10)] house because we were going to play cards, but before that we went to the park and played sandman. From there, I fell off a beam, landed on the firework that was in my

pocket, and it exploded," Tharp said.

Even though this was a horrible experience, the guys tried to stay calm and help as much as possible.

"I gave up my under-shirt to stop the bleeding. Then I ran to our other friend's house to get water to clean it," Jacob Ponton (10) said.

Through the chaos, they all seemed to still find a sense of humor.

"After I called the ambulance, Jeff wouldn't let me take pictures [of the leg]. When they put him in the ambulance, we went back to Twitch's house and played cards," Jonathan Sommer (10) said.

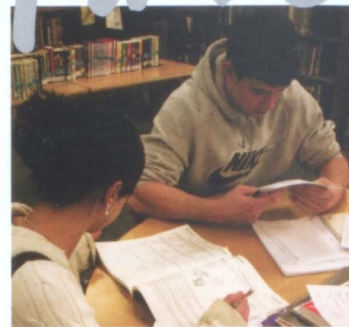
the cell phone



Amanda Unhock (11): at work



Anthony Albomonte (9) & Mark Barnes (9): at school



Haylie Chapman (10) & Brian Crider (10): at the library

cell phones: a necessity in everyday life

Picture this: You just leave the movie theater and it is midnight. The theater is closed for the night, and they want you out now. The pay phone is only behind those glass doors... so close and yet so far away. What are you to do? You realize, "Eureka, I have a cell phone!" You whip that puppy out and dial up your parents. They arrive in the parking lot, donning pajamas and those embarrassing slippers to save the day.

Most people cannot function nowadays without a cellular phone. They are a necessary accessory to anyone's outfit. They are used for social purposes, to look "cooler" or for actually calling other people on them. Some people, however, can function without a cell phone.

"I never lived with a cell phone so I don't know how difficult it really

"I never lived with a cell phone so I don't know how **difficult** it really is,"

Kevin Horecky (10) said.

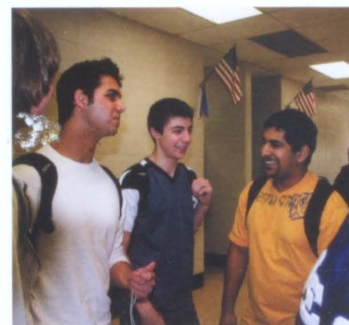
is. Sometimes I wished that I had one. I have to borrow my friends' cell phones mostly after track practice," Kevin Horecky (10) said.

Cell phones can be used for calling, texting, taking pictures, going on the internet and many other

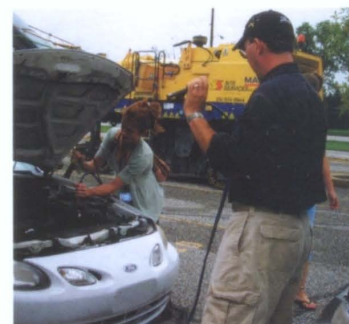
various things, depending on the type of phone. It is almost impossible to find a person without a cell phone at their finger tips either in their purse, their backpack or their pocket.

Students need cell phones for almost any reason you can think of. From getting a hold of lab partners to seeing what time you're meeting up with your boyfriend at Coldstone's, using that wonderful little device makes life so much easier. This seems to be only the beginning to this communication craze.

Krysta Arnold & Katie Fackel



Aanchal Sanghvi (11), Alexander Pavlakis (11) & Amrao Chhokar (11): with friends



Mr. Tom Clark, History & Mrs. Angela Ohlenkamp, Math: with car problems

300 students surveyed

top 8 ringtones

1. Vibrate or Default
2. Lil Wayne- "Lollipop"
3. Ray J Ft. Yung Berg- "Sexy Can I"
4. Flo Rida- "Low"
5. Nickelback- "Rockstar"
6. Leona Lewis- "Bleeding Love"
7. One Republic- "Stop and Stare"
8. Jonas Brothers- "When You Look Me In the Eyes"

"I never really get high bills. My parents would kill me if I went over," Chian Kim (9) said.

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"I use my house phone more than my cell phone because I don't ever have reception," Rachel Lefkakis (12) said.

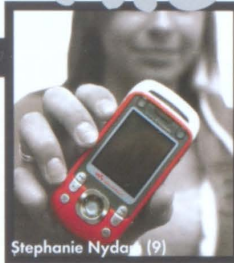
most popular brands

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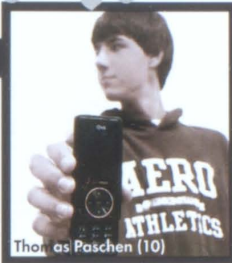
Megan Trincot (9)

The hand still remains to be one of the most popular phones amongst parents. The bill is low, texting is non-existent and parents love it. "I beg my parents for [a phone]. My friends all have phones, so I keep borrowing theirs," Trincot said.



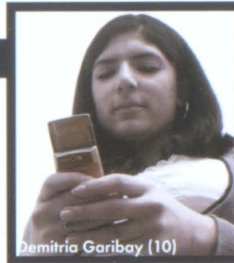
Stephanie Nydam (9)

The Walkman phone includes an MP3 player, games and the internet. It comes in green, orange, black and white. When it opens, the phone actually rotates around. The keys are located underneath the phone.



Thomas Paschen (10)

The LG Chocolate is also an MP3 phone. The internet and games can be found on this phone. The keys slide out from under the LCD screen, giving it the nickname "slider."



Demitria Garibay (10)

The Samsung T-Mobile Slider is very common with teenagers because of its many features. Texting, the internet and games are included in this phone.

txt-ing tlk



LOL "Laugh out loud." It's a way for the average "texter" to say that what they read was funny or that they are literally laughing out loud. "It's pretty much a universal response," Thomas Paschen (9).



I L U "I love you." It is a quick, impersonal way for people to say they love someone whether to a friend, a boyfriend or girlfriend or a family member.



JK "Just kidding." JK is a way for someone to apologize informally to someone they had offended only slightly with a joke or sarcasm.



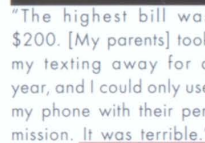
BRB "Be right back." The easiest way to tell someone that you will be back shortly, so don't go anywhere.

don't call me, i'll call you



"The highest bill I've ever gotten was \$400. The main reason my bill was so high is due to texting and a girlfriend."

Dominic Aloia (11)



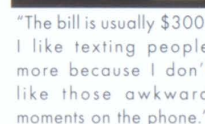
"The highest bill was \$200. [My parents] took my texting away for a year, and I could only use my phone with their permission. It was terrible."

Carly Fara (9)



"My bill isn't usually that high but even if I go a little bit over my parents make me pay it. That really sucks."

Chloe Kirt (9)



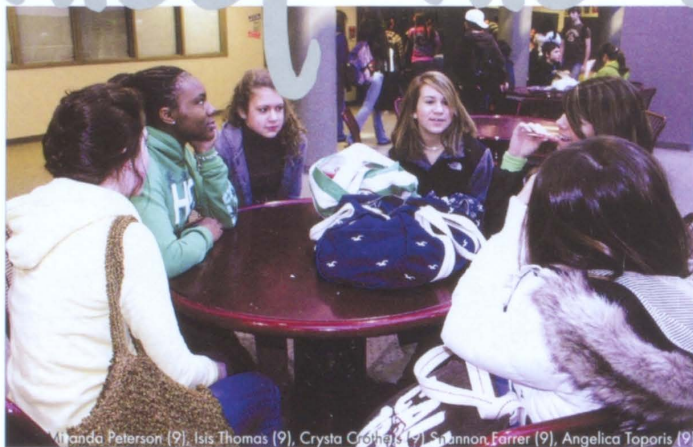
"The bill is usually \$300. I like texting people more because I don't like those awkward moments on the phone."

Emily Fanno (10)



outrageous phone bills

meet me at...



Miranda Peterson (9), Isis Thomas (9), Crysta Crothers (9), Shannon Farrer (9), Angelica Toporis (9)



Michael Targos (10), Matthew Philbin (11), Andrew Gard (11), Richard Sorensen (11)

everyday gathering spots on the campus

It's 7:05 a.m. You're walking down the upper E-Hall stairs and suddenly you hear an eruption of shrieks, laughter and yells. Immediately, you say to yourself, "It must be the 'hockey wall.'"

"Ever since I've been a freshman, we've always hung out there. It just always has been the hockey players that meet there. We meet at the wall after every passing period," Richard Sorensen (11) said.

However, gathering at the "hockey wall" is not just a morning ritual. Typically, a student can walk by there at any passing period and be sure to see the famous wall packed with the group of boisterous athletes.

"The hockey wall is like a tradition because we've been doing it for so long. No one else tries to stand there because they know it's our wall," Bernard Prisby (11) said.

Along with the wall, you can usually see a variety of different cliques meeting together to discuss their daily routines in the freshman center. The group of Miranda Peterson (9), Isis Thomas (9), Crysta Crothers (9), Shannon Farrer (9) and Angelica Toporis (9) meet at "their" red table in the freshman center common area to see each other before they split up for the day.

"We are the only people that sit there. We see each other then because we don't see each other throughout the school day. It's our spot in the morning," Toporis said.

Along with the freshmen, there is another

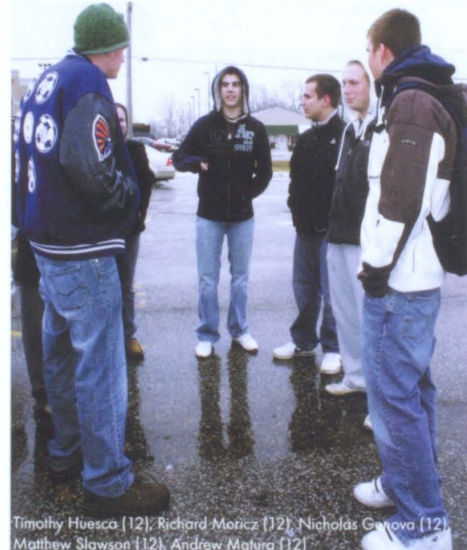
group that meets daily in the school parking lot. Rain, snow, sleet, sunshine or possibly even hail won't stop the group of Richard Moricz (12), Andrew Matura (12), Nicholas Genova (12), Matthew Slawson (12), Michael Barry (12), Timothy Huesca (12), Hilary Genova (10), Megan Matura (11) and Alicia Moricz (10) from congregating in the hectic parking lot after school.

The group certainly stands out from other students in the school. When you're trying to dodge cars and avoid the buses, you can see them calmly joking around and hanging out.

"We usually stand out in the parking lot to just avoid traffic. It's our hang out at the end of the day. We are the only people who have the patience to stand out there," Moricz said.

You will often see these cliques of people standing in their spots every day during passing periods. Whether it's "the wall," a specific hallway or your best friend's locker you always know where you can find your buds.

Katy Bastie, Karee Hackel & Emily Ganea



Timothy Huesca (12), Richard Moricz (12), Nicholas Genova (12), Matthew Slawson (12), Andrew Matura (12)

1 Miranda Peterson (9), Isis Thomas (9), Crysta Crothers (9), Shannon Farrer (9) and Angelica Toporis (9) gather at their usual table in the freshman center. The girls discussed their morning start.

2 The group at the "hockey wall" waits for the bell to ring in order to go to eighth hour. During the passing period, the group met to goof around and talk about the day.

3 The usual parking lot crew waits for the never-ending line of buses to leave. The group waited every day to avoid the traffic of the buses.

"We usually go to a friend's house or go to Stardust Bowl," Angelica Dulin (9) said.

"I go to my friend's house on the weekends, and we play Mario Kart on Nintendo 64," Joseph Smyth (10) said.

favorite hometown hangouts



"I go to Omni three or four times a week. I go to get buff for the ladies. I have been a member since I was a little kid. Omni has basketball courts, good lookin' ladies and a lot of my friends go there,"

Samuel Urban (11) said.



"I like going to the movies to hang out with my friends and laugh. We usually go to the movies about every other week. It's just a fun place to hang out. Showplace makes Northwest Indiana a lot less boring,"

Gabriel Moreno (9) said.



"I go to Starbucks about four times a week with Colleen McElmurry (9) and Tara McElmurry (11). I always order an Iced Caramel Macchiato with extra caramel. It's a good place to hang out. I'm addicted,"

Kaiflyn Boecker (10) said.



"I go to 'Taco Hut' because it's decent food. It's fast and it's cheap. I used to go there before every freshman football game. My favorite thing to order is a number nine which is a Crunchwrap Supreme,"

Andrew Semethy (9) said.

schoonmaker & 'round the clock

tiffany



About four times a week, you can find Tiffany Schoonmaker (11) and her friends dining at local hot-spot, 'Round the Clock.

Followed by a group of friends, Schoonmaker enters 'Round the Clock, and is immediately welcomed by the staff that knows the group as "regulars."

Schoonmaker and her friends can usually be found at this popular restaurant on weeknights when there is nothing to do or on weekends to enjoy breakfast.

Meeting at 'Round the Clock has become a weekly thing for them.

They usually meet there to just hang out or to work out plans for the weekend.

All the waitresses at "RTC" are familiar with Schoonmaker and her companions.

Even the owner jokes around with the crew, as he commonly flashes the peace sign and says "peace, pilgrims" to the group.

Ordering her usual grilled cheese and black coffee, Schoonmaker and friends make the best of this quiet Northwest Indiana eatery.

"There's always something funny going on when we're at 'Round the Clock," Tiffany Schoonmaker (11) said.

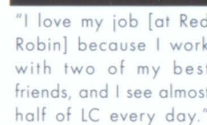
students work at local restaurants

dining out



"Working at Buffalo Wild Wings is fun. I love the people I work with, and I always see my friends come in."

Matthew Muckin (11)



"I love my job [at Red Robin] because I work with two of my best friends, and I see almost half of LC every day."

Alyssa Goodfriend (11)



Rachael Jaminik (11)

"I've worked at Hooters for one year and six months. I'm a hostess. It's a fun and energetic place to be.



It fits my personality. I love the environment and how happy and fun the place is. I also love the music played at Hooters. You can hoola-hoop, be louder and create memories."

adventures on a

concerts are a wild ride

What's popular in the music business is always changing rapidly just like all other trends, but who would have ever thought that someone as young as Hannah Montana would ever become such a huge hit among high school students.

"I have, I would call it, a healthy obsession with Hannah Montana, Miley Cyrus," Brooke Burczyk (11) said.

Hannah Montana was not the only concert that took place that was popular. The Warped Tour featured not just one, but many artists. Some bands that performed were Amber Pacific, Boys like Girls, Red Jumpsuit Apparatus, The Starting Line, Spill Canvas and Mayday Parade.

"It is an all day event with about fifty bands that tour all over the country, and there are five stages. Each band plays a thirty minute show, and each band also has their own tent where they sell merchandise. The band usually goes there sometimes during the day to sign autographs," Isabella Juretic (11) said.

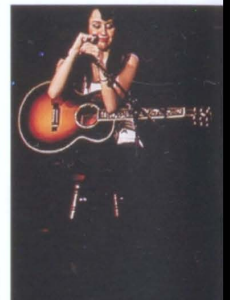
"The one thing I remember the most was the **lit up background,**"

Emma Rhoads (10) said.

One more highly anticipated concert was when The Fray played in June at Charter One Pavaillion in Chicago, Illinois with two other bands.

"We ended up getting there pretty early, and we got first row. Mae played first and OK GO came on next. The Fray started playing. The one thing I remember most was the lit up background. There was a country-hill scene. I turned to look at the crowd; everyone had their hands in the air, singing along with Isaac. It was awesome," Emma Rhoads (10) said.

Lanny buckmann & lana kaptur



1 Alyssa Ford (11) and Isabella Juretic (11) are lucky enough to meet and get their picture taken with Amber Pacific. The two attended Warped Tour which took place on July 28, 2007 at the Midwest Bank Ampitheatre in Tinley Park, IL.

2 The Fray plays at Charter One Pavaillion in Chicago, IL. Emma Rhoads (11) was in attendance and watched The Fray follow bands OK GO and Mae.

3 Hannah Montana, a.k.a. Miley Cyrus, sings live in concert. Lauren Rigg (11) and Brooke Burczyk (11) attended the performance which took place at the United Center in Chicago, IL on January 14, 2008.

out of town

where do you want to go on a road trip?



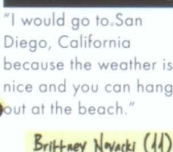
"I would go to Miami, Florida with my friends and hang out."

Brian Kowecki (9)



"I would go to California because I have never been there and it is warm."

Alexandria Quilici (10)



"I would go to San Diego, California because the weather is nice and you can hang out at the beach."

Brieffney Navski (11)



"I would go across the United States to see everything that it has to offer."

Amanda Ramirez (12)



"If I could go anywhere, I would start by going to the Northwest United States to travel the country like Christopher McCandleless. I would also go Northeast to travel around the Connecticut River Valley like Leatherman. I like the transcendentalists' idea of connecting with nature. I really don't know when I would come back."

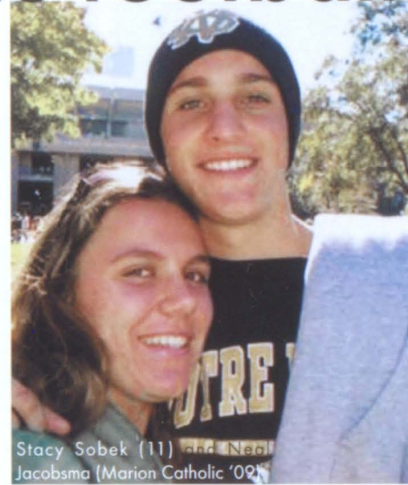
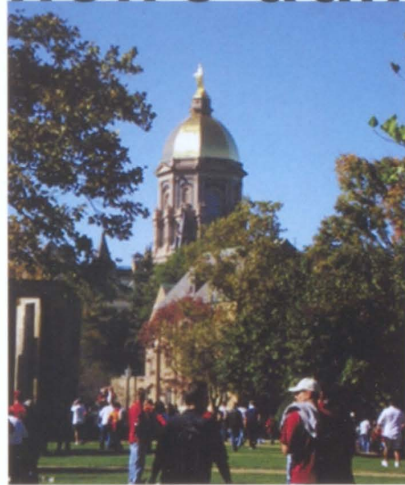
Matthew Stell (14)



"Gas has gone up so much I do not even want to leave my house anymore, and I make my friends come to me," Taylor Weltmeyer (12) said.

h1>tank of gas

h2>notre dame football



Stacy Sobek (11) and Neal Jacobsma (Marion Catholic '02)



Visiting friends and siblings and touring a campus are two of the most common reasons why a high school student would venture to a college or university. The one most thrilling and anticipated reason though does not lie in either of those. College football games take the cake when it comes to a reason to trek to some of the in-state-powerhouse colleges.

"If I could go anywhere on a tank of gas, I would go to Notre Dame. I love absolutely everything about the campus. One of my favorite things to attend at Notre Dame are the football games. I've been going ever since I was a kid, and I've always wanted to go to Notre Dame so that I could be part of the student section at the game. This year, I went to the Boston College vs. Notre Dame game, and I met my cousin, Neal Jacobsma. If you haven't visited Notre Dame, I would strongly recommend it," Stacy Sobek (11) said.

h2>toto, indiana

a road trip no one ever thinks to take



Stop 1: Zao Island in Valparaiso, Indiana. This was their first stop before they arrived in Toto, Indiana. "We drive by it every Labor Day when we go camping, and I wanted to take a picture with the dragon. We had not originally planned on stopping, but we had time to kill," Ashley Martin (12) said.



Stop 2: Richards of Toto, Indiana. "This was the first store we stopped at. We went around and found the most random stuff that we could, and took a picture with it. Also, we bought Ashley's brother a plunger. The masks were part of the Halloween decorations that were still up," Emily Samsel (11) said.



Stop 3: The Toto Cafe. "The trip was inspired by Mr. Fredrick during AP English. One of his quotes of the day was 'Where is Toto?,' so I decided to visit it. We took this picture to put up on his wall as proof that we had been there. We both got homemade chicken noodle soup, and it was amazing," Martin said.



Stop 4: Bailey's Discount Store. "That store had everything, it was a giant superstore. It had a furniture department, grocery store, home improvement store and bedding store. It was a fun one-time trip, but I do not think I would want to live there permanently. I would go back for lunch," Samsel said.

record breakers

girls cross country goes to Nationals

The adrenaline is pumping, nerves are racing, the gun sounds and they are off. From June to November, every hour in workouts, conditioning and practice is paying off.

"I run all summer to prepare myself for the start of cross country season," Kailey Jensen (11) said.

The girls worked their hardest by putting hours upon hours into summer conditioning which is Monday through Thursday at 6 a.m. and sometimes in the evening. Each week they met for cross training and ran on average 40 miles a week. All the hours of practice paid off when the team took second at State.

"I personally believe I had a good season. Each year I've improved, and this year was a blast. The team did amazing this year, and we all worked really hard and got second at state," Rachel Zajac (11) said.

This season, the girls all exceeded their already high expectations.

"I hoped the team would place top five in the state; I never expected to actually compete for state champs," Anna Bona (12) said.

The team's biggest competition this year was West Field. They have been a rivalry team and defending state champs, even though they took state, the girls defeated West Field in the Nike Team Midwest Regional which advanced them to the Nike Team Nationals in Oregon.

"Our biggest competition was West Field and the friendly and healthy competition within our own team, which made all of us better," Zajac said.

"I had **hoped** the team would place top five in the state; I **never expected** to actually compete for state champs,

Anna Bonna (12) said.



1 Jaclyn Henderson (12) stands with her coach, Mrs. Denise Fitzgerald, after a meet. Henderson was a leading senior.

2 The girls team stands with the boys team after being named regional and semi-state champions. They placed second in the

State Championships.

3 The girls stand proudly after being presented the ISHAA award. The girls exceeded their goals this season by placing in All-Conference, All-Regional, All-Sectional, All-Semi-State and All-State.

sports stars

Ericka Markiewicz (11)

"I've been pole vaulting since middle school, but I didn't compete until freshman year. I'm ranked third in the state [for pole vaulting] right now, and medaled sixth state wide. My school record is eleven feet six inches, which I got at state last year," Markiewicz said.



Megan Duffy (11)

"This year at our first meet, I broke my record from last year by one foot and eleven inches. It was pretty awesome considering I haven't jumped since last year. Last year I mainly focused on sprinting, but I've been doing both for two years," Duffy said.

"Our goals and expectations for next season are to win state and go back to NTN [Nike Team Nationals] again," Rachel Zajac (11) said.

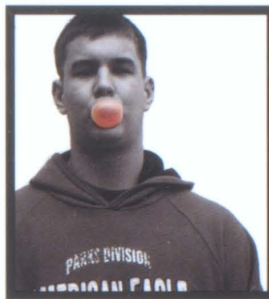
"We have all grown very close because our season was so long this year," Kailey Jensen (11) said.



longest hair

Tara Barnes (11)
"I've always had long hair, but in elementary school it was at my shoulders; it has been growing since. I can't even get my hair trimmed, I love it. I'm going to grow it out to my hips," Barnes said.

James Albee (9)
"My hair used to be short, but I've been growing it out for a year now. I've been growing it out for my love and passion for music, and my parents respect it. It needs a trim though," Albee said.

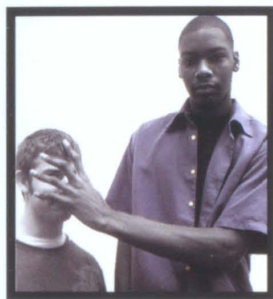


most athletic

Eric Summers (11)
"I play baseball and basketball. It's a lot of work. I also play for the traveling Sox Team. I'm going to play baseball in college, but my senior year will be my last year for basketball," Summers said.

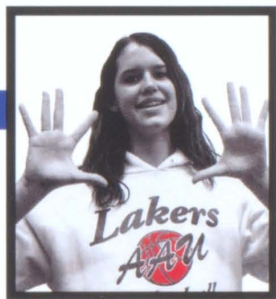


Samantha Michalski (12)
"I play basketball, volleyball and softball. I've played the three all four years at Lake Central. They don't conflict, but it's a lot of work. Volleyball is my favorite," Michalski said.

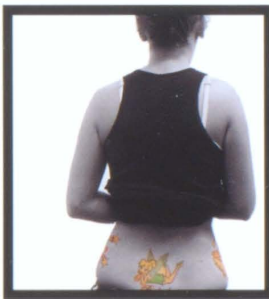


biggest hands

Aaron Terry (11)
"In basketball having big hands is an advantage, but in other everyday tasks like holding a pencil or cutting with scissors is difficult. I can never find gloves that fit my hands either," Terry said. Terry's hands are nine and a half inches long and eight inches wide.



Andrea Kras (10)
"Having big hands is an advantage in basketball, but gloves are usually a little short or don't fit right. Shirt sleeves are typically short on my arms too," Kras said. Andrea's hands are seven and a half inches long and six and a half inches wide.



most body art

Rachael Jamnik (11)
"I have three tattoos altogether. I got my first when I was sixteen in East Chicago. I have a Tinker Bell because I'm obsessed with her, a peace, love and happiness for my grandma and a star for my faith. I plan on getting more," Jamnick said.



Corey Davis (11)
"I got my first tattoo in late August and my second a few days before Christmas. I like both of them. One is a Chinese symbol and the other is a tribal piece. I plan on getting a third in a month and many more in the future," Davis said.

students show off their hidden talents

standing out



"My dad could flip his eyelids and so I tried it."

Michael Kiszore (11)



"I can put my arms behind my head. I'm only flexible in my arms. I have a bigger swing in baseball."

Jay Lannin (11)



"I read on the internet it was impossible to lick your elbow, so I tried it."

Emily Bohn (12)

"I was watching Next, and a girl could pop her shoulders out of place, so I tried it because my shoulders were dislocated."

Diana Strobe (11)



"I figured I could put my leg behind my head because I'm flexible. I stretched out and it worked."

Daniel Manick (12)



"I started by putting grapes in my nose, and moved on to quarters; so that's how the quarter trick came about. I'm a weirdo."

Kelly Borgia (12)



Stephanie Costa & Stephanie Farrar

relationships

dating in school

1 Brittany Bartock (11) & Eric Neyhart (12)

began dating: September 6, 2006

where they met: at a pasta party for the football team

their song: "End of the World" by The Cure

the "cons" of in-school dating: "We get to see each other all the time. It's bad when we fight because I just get angry periodically through the day," Bartock said.

sweetest thing he's done: "He gave me my promise ring on Valentine's Day when we were only going out for five months," Bartock said.



2 Alyssa Kovich (9) & Henry Siedentopf (9)

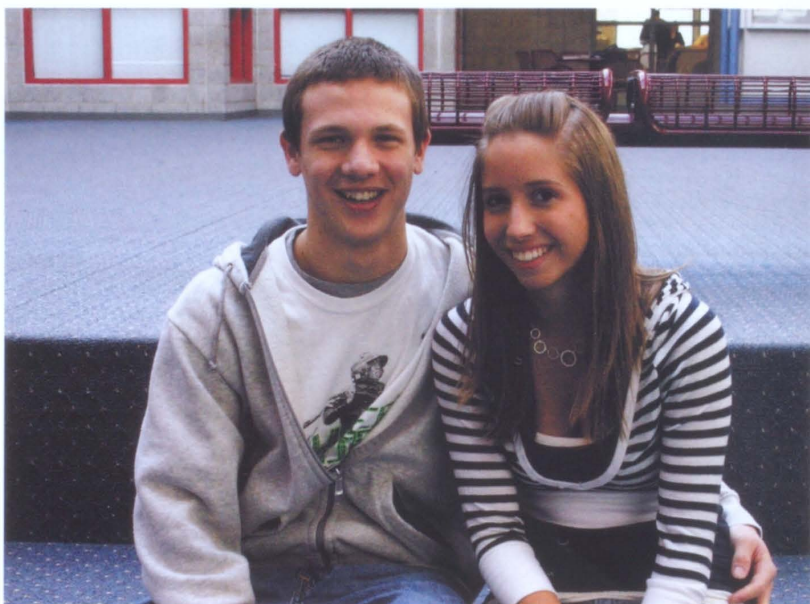
began dating: August 12, 2007

where they met: "In 6th grade, we were in the same social studies class," Kovich said.

where you hang out: "We go to people's houses, but sometimes we just stay home," Kovich said.

the "pros" of in-school dating: "We see each other more than we would outside of school," Kovich said.

sweetest thing he's done: "In 8th grade he tried to be my secret valentine, but he accidentally told one of my friends, who ended up telling me, so it didn't turn out like he planned. It was still cute," Kovich said.



friendships outside of school

outside the walls



"I meet them from different softball teams I'm on and through friends that know other people."

Lissa Lindini (10)

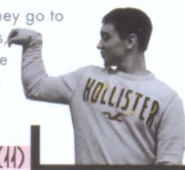
"On the weekends, we usually go out to eat or hang at people's houses."

Kathleen Lumbum (11)



"I meet different people from either baseball or different social events through my friends. People from different schools introduce me to new girls, and I'm invited to more parties, where I can meet more people. Since they go to different schools, I don't get to see them as often. It makes me melancholy."

Peter Silva (11)



"I have friends from Munster and Illinois from soccer. When I go to camps, I meet new people."

Robert Rigg (9)

"I meet [friends] from swimming, or they just randomly meet me."

Nicholas Bonney (12)

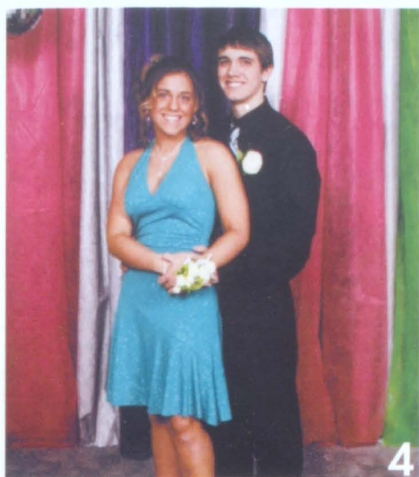


"Dating makes going to school more fun," Robert Oljace (9) said.

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"At school you can meet a girl who can change the way you think," Joseph Mista (12) said.

dating out of school



4 Katherine Sicinski (10) & Jacob Krause (Hanover Central, '11)
began dating: July 6, 2007

sweetest thing he's done: "He got me a promise ring for Christmas. His friend, Carl, told him to put it under my tree when I wasn't looking so it would surprise me on Christmas morning when I got it, but he wanted to see the look on my face when I opened it," Sicinski said.

"He wanted to see the look on my face,"

Katherine Sicinski
(10) said.



5 Alexandra Kuersten (11) & Kevin Keller (Mason County Central in MI '08)

began dating: June 25, 2007

sweetest thing he's done: "I was at a friend's house and he called saying his sister needed help. So I raced over there and walked into his basement, and there were rose petals everywhere leading to his room for our 6 months. He had roses everywhere and was standing there with more. He got the idea from our song, which is 'Our Song' by Taylor Swift," Kuersten said.

Melanie Hamilton & Jenna Noel

in or out of school relationships?



"In school, you can see them almost every day, be in the same class with them so you can help with their homework. It also lets you know that they live a reasonable distance away. If it lasts long, she's the reason I want to go to school," Charles Fields (11) said.



"In school, you can see them every day and you can give them big hugs whenever you want. You can make sure that they aren't flirting and don't flirt with other people. It just makes it a lot better with the whole trust issue," Celina Bronson (10) said.



"[Out of school] There is too much drama when you date someone at your school. Rumors get started and it's just not good. I also don't have to look nice because I don't see them every day and don't have to impress them. I don't get annoyed with them either," Andrew Joseph Doyle (12) said.



"[Out of school] if they see you talking to other people, like other boys, they get really mad and jealous. It just causes a lot of unnecessary problems. It's easier, you don't get sick of them every day and makes seeing them more exciting," Kaitlyn Morris (9) said.

rallying up for the students celebrate homecoming in spirit game

With the week of September 21 steadily approaching, students' spirit peaks to a completely different level. Many students strayed away from the typical decorative T-shirt and mismatched blue and white attire for the Homecoming game.

"This year my group of friends wore Indian costumes. We ordered them off line ahead of time because we wanted to be different. We'd never seen it done before, so that's why we decided [to wear Indian costumes]," Lauren Petersen (12) said.

The pep rally is a way to get everyone pumped for the game and a way to not only interact with students and friends, but teachers and administrators as well.

"[The dunk tank] was a lot of fun. I got to heckle my students, and they got to get back at me. It was nice to interact with my students outside of the classroom," Mr. John Talaber, Art, said.

Waiting by the gates, students were anticipating the football game's first kickoff. During all the craziness, underclassmen were shoved out of the way by seniors who were shouting "seniority!" Making it to the stands without a scratch, the fans filled several rows within minutes.

"We got there two hours early and stood at the front gate and wouldn't let anyone pass us. We ran as fast as we could and stood in the front the entire game. We didn't even

"The Indian costume gets passed down from cool guy to cool guy and gets cooler every year,"

Devin DeYoung (12) said.

move after we got [in the stands]. I had to go to the bathroom the whole time but I never left my spot," Petersen said.

The stands were packed with blue and white screaming fans and the occasional Indian. The traditional Indian costume was worn by Devin DeYoung (12).

"The Indian costume gets passed down from cool guy to cool guy and gets cooler every year. This year it peaked and will now descend. It's a tough job, and controlling a large crowd is harder than many people think," DeYoung said.

Krysta Arnold & Katie Forczek



"Pumping up the crowd and watching our team win is one of the best feelings," Brian McNamara (12) said.

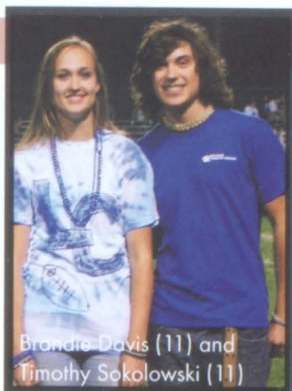
"Friday nights under the bright lights will never be forgotten," Troy Gulden (12) said.

homecoming court

WonMi Yoo (12) and Akongnwi Bonu (12) have been in the homecoming court 2 years in a row.

"I'm Korean, obviously I'm dynasty. I set the bar high for Korean kids at LC," Yoo said.

Timothy Sokolowski (11) and Brandie Davis (11) were both suprised by the outcome. "I was flabbergasted that we were the ones to win from our class," Sokolowski said.



Brandie Davis (11) and Timothy Sokolowski (11)



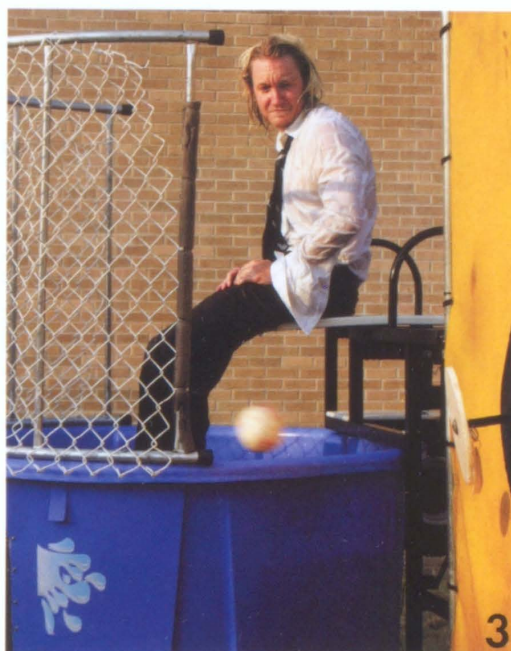
WonMi Yoo (12) and Akongnwi Bonu (12) not pictured



Samantha Michalski (12) and Devin DeYoung (12)



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1 Katherine McNiece (12), Lauren Mendez (12), Erika Aldape (12), Jennifer Kosinski (12), Rachel Weaver (12) and Allison Aguilera (12) show their spirit by dressing in blue and white for the Homecoming game. "I've been wanting to dress as an Indian since freshman year, and I thought it was the perfect year to do it," McNiece said.

2 Christina Roth (12) holds the banner made by the cheerleading team as the football players sprint onto the field. Running through the banner was an ongoing tradition for the football team.

3 Mr. John Talaber, Art, watches as the ball flies to dunk him during the homecoming pep rally. "I thought it would be funny [to wear a suit] and not unleash my guns to the world," Talaber said.

4 Students show their spirit by waving balloons specially made by the football players' parents. The balloons covered the stands as the fans used them to cheer the Indians to victory.

5 Jessica Moore (10) and Brittany Krsulovich (10) get their kung-foo on during the Homecoming pep rally. "It was really hot [inside the costumes] but we had a lot of fun wrestling," Moore said.

6 Standing on the sidelines, the players intently watch as their teammates successfully defeat Michigan City High School. This was the first time since 2003 that the football team has won the Homecoming game.

students show their school pride during homecoming spirit week

standing out



"I like reppin' the school spirit and it's always fun to go crazy."

Stephanie Tarrant (11)

"Bloomington is the place to go, and it's where the party's at."

Meredith Claffi (11)



Kaitlyn Morris (9), Carolyn Sandrick (9), Meghan Blais (9), Katie Kozy (9), Lauren Ashenbrenner (9), Panagiota Manousopoulos (9) and Biljana Dosen (9) help hand out homecoming shirts made by our girls basketball team. The shirts were sold during lunch and SRT by the girls' team.

Freshman girls



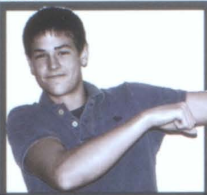
walk it out

students show off their favorite dance moves



"The Macarena is my favorite dance move because it's fun and from when we were little."

Karlynn Alcott (11)



"Soulja Boy because he is my idol."

Brandon Cloutier (9)

"The shopping cart is my favorite because it's funny and you can have fun with it."

Brooke Corley (10)



"The sprinkler is my favorite because it reminds me of the old time dance moves."

William Gnerlich (12)



1 Students of all grades enjoy dancing with each other at the Homecoming Dance on September 21st. The students also celebrated winning the football game against Michigan City.

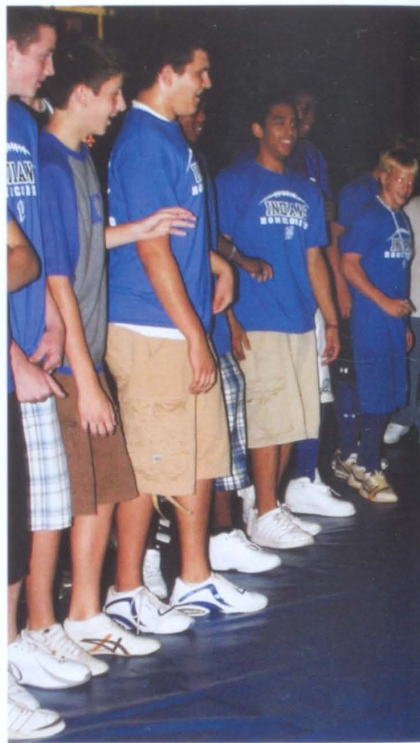
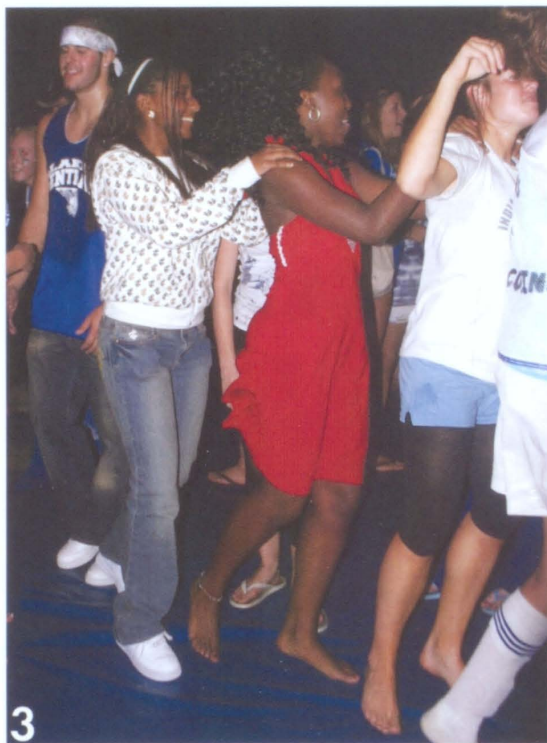
2 Tara Davis (12) and Amanda Crothers (12) show off their moves. "We had an awesome night at Homecoming. We had so much fun dancing hard and crazy," Crothers said.

3 TaQuila Price (9) and friends are taking part in a Conga line. The girls and other students danced to Quad City DJ's "C'mon N' Ride It."

4 Students gather around Karorie McNeil (10) who shows off his sweet dance skills to surrounding students. "Karorie was good, but I could do better," James Rainbolt (10) said.

5 Jody Compton (11) and Christopher Stone (11) dance among friends. "This year was fun, but hopefully next year will be better because it's my senior year," Compton said.

6 Stephanie Widlowski (12), Courtney Cook (12) and Alexandria Mele (12) perform the electric slide. This song is often played at school dances.



top

5 songs

"stranger" kayne west

5. "It's a good dance song and a good work-out song too. Everyone knows the words," Drew Dumont (11) said.

4. "pop, lock and drop it" hwey

"I love it because I can pop it, I can lock it, and I can drop it like it's hot," Michael Osborn (10) said.

3. "clothes off" gym class heroes

"The song fits in with my way of life. I love it!" Michael Peddycord (11) said.

2. "sandstorm" darude

"It was the biggest dance-techno song at homecoming and everyone knows it," Melissa Magdos (11) said.

1. "cyclone" baby bash featuring t-pain

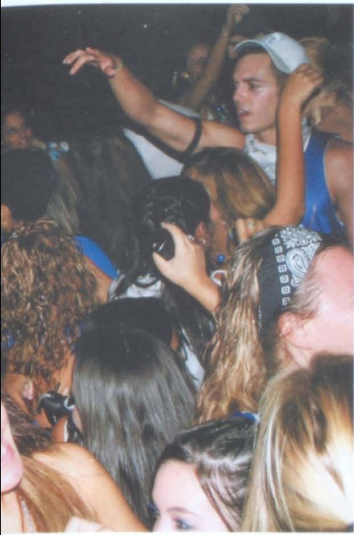
"Well, I'm pretty much in love with T-Pain, and him in any high-energy song sounds really good," Raquel Williams (11) said.

(55 people surveyed)



"My favorite part [of the Homecoming Dance] was the music and a lot of my friends were there," Crista Pyrz (9) said.

"It [the Homecoming Dance] was fun and memorable," Christopher Stone (11) said.



getting out there

students express their personalities and show off their school spirit

During the second half of the football game against Michigan City, as the team gained an increasing lead, students couldn't help but wonder what was going on at the Homecoming Dance. They debated whether they would have more fun by staying to watch their team win or by leaving early to go to the dance. Somehow these two main events always seem to overlap.

"I had to leave the football game early to not miss the dance," Tyler Ferree (12) said.

As students walked into the gym during the fourth quarter of the game, they saw a crowd had already formed. They felt the temperature rise as they walked toward the dancing crowd.

"It was really hot," Kellie Butler (10) said.

The extremely hot temperature always seems to be a big issue with the students at this particular dance.

"I don't think anything can really be done [about the temperature in the gym] because there are a lot of people in one area," Crista Pyrz (9) said.

As everyone danced, students began to see several others gathering

"I wanted to crank that Soulja Boy with everyone,"

Tyler Ferree (12) said.

in the middle of the gym. Students joined the group that was forming a circle around students battling to see who had the best dance moves.

"I jumped in and I started doing back flips," Karorie McNeil (10) said.

McNeil has been doing back flips since sixth grade. Starting out as a fun hobby, back flips have now turned into a memorable dance performance.

"The dance was good; Karorie was awesome. I did some dancing myself," Michael Robinson (10) said.

While students enjoyed watching McNeil, they were not as pleased with the performance of the DJ. Students were upset because the DJ never played "Crank Dat" by Soulja Boy.

"I wanted to crank that Soulja Boy with everyone," Ferree said.

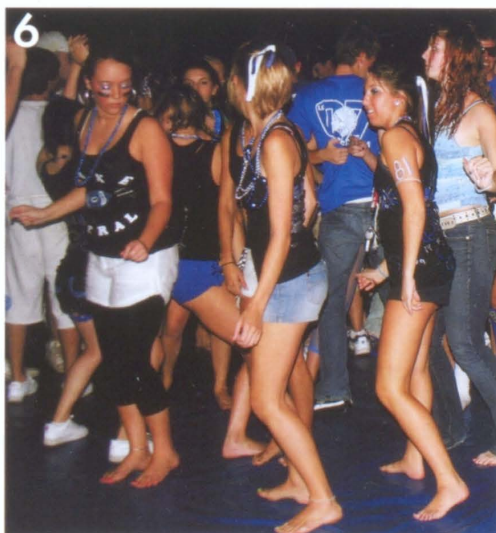
Students go to the Homecoming Dance every year, but they never realize all the work that it takes to make the dance a great success. Miss Rachel Mishoulam, Social Studies, and Miss Sarah Roth, Social Studies, are in charge of Student Council, the main group in charge of planning for the dance.

"We began working on it this summer, but then started to get busy and hectic once school started," Mishoulam said.

There is a lot more time put into arranging these dances than most students realize.

"It was a lot of planning, but it ended up being a lot of fun because the students really enjoyed it," Mishoulam said.

Stephanie Costa & Amy Buckman



stranded in post-formal *chicago* gone wrong

Winter formal is more than just the dance. Half of the fun is what people do afterwards. Most take limos or party buses to eat at some extravagant restaurant. That was supposed to be the case for one group, but it all went wrong.

"We got picked up from the dance in an Excursion limo and went to Dick's Last Resort in Chicago," Lucas Panfil (11) said.

The night started out as they had planned, but then all the fun and games ended when they called for the limo.

"Desiree [Meyer] (11) called the driver after we ate, but he said he couldn't deal with us because he was dealing with the cops. We went outside to get into the limo and then he told us that he couldn't take us home," Christina Pruitt (12) said.

With the limo driver unable to take them back home, they searched for an answer as to why.

"We couldn't really understand him. First he said he couldn't start the limo, but then we found out that the cops found [the limo driver's] empty beer cans in the back of the limo," Pruitt said.

This group, left limo-less, was stuck in Chicago.

"We went back inside the restaurant and told the employees what happened. They put on our CDs and moved tables so we could dance while we waited," Panfil said.

Getting trapped an hour away from home is enough to scare anyone, especially on a night that was supposed to be pure fun.

"At first, it was very irritating because we just wanted

to go home, but it ended up being okay because we got to have a mini formal at Dick's," Desiree Meyer (11) said.

Everyone ended up with the same reaction of that night.

"It turned out better than I expected. I was freaked out at first about being stuck downtown, but it was fun," Pruitt said.

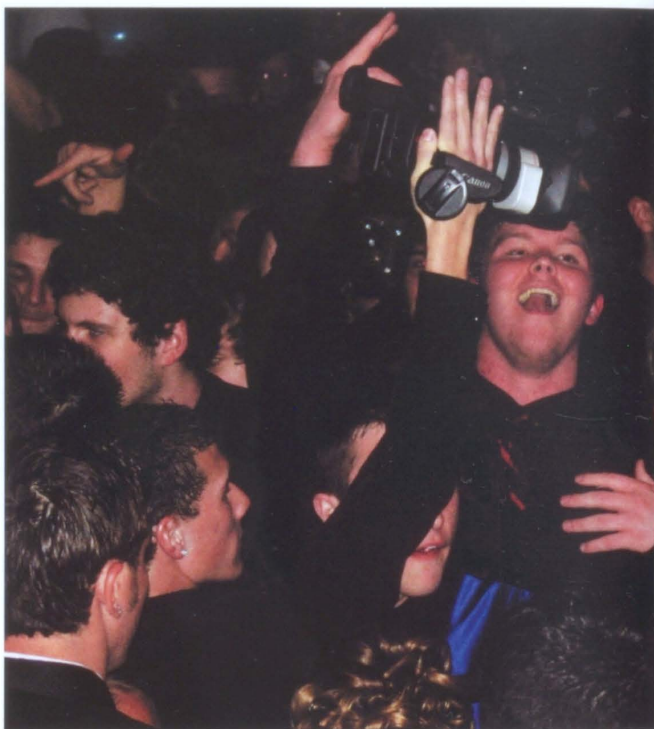
But how was the group supposed to get home after such a long night of fun and fright?

"The limo driver called another limo to come and get us. We ended up with a Hummer limo. It was pretty sweet," Panfil said.

Stacy Sobek & Annemarie Rompca

"We went outside to get into the limo and then he told us that he couldn't take us home,"

Christina Pruitt (12) said.



"The dance and the party bus was the fun part of formal," Allison Aguilera (12) said.

"My favorite part of formal was just seeing all my friends and dancing," Megan Fortner (11) said.

'see me rollin'

transportation in style and convenience



"Our group drove to formal because we didn't have enough people for a limo."

Benjamin Sporman (10)

"I liked driving ourselves. With a limo, everyone has to decide on the same place."

Jillian Hansen (10)



"After the dance, the party bus met us outside and took us to Chicago. Our party bus was a blast. We got on the bus and there were LCD screens, strobe lights, lasers and music. We were all exhausted after the night. It was awesome."

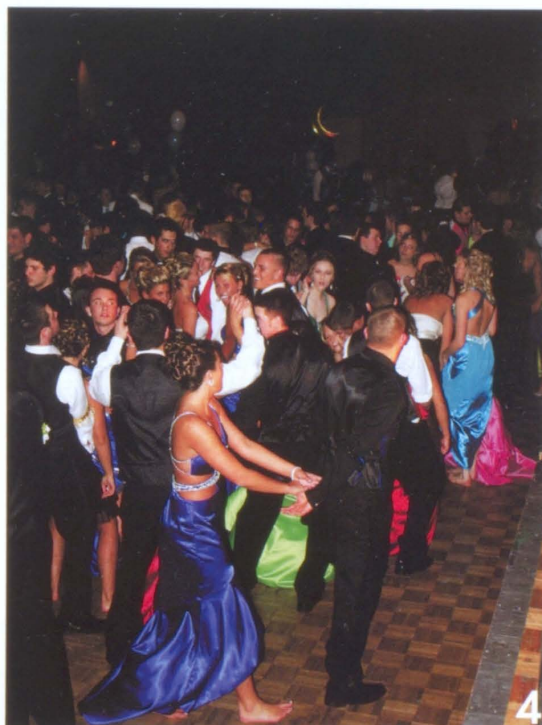
Alexandra Kuersten (11)



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1 Christopher Callahan (12), Elizabeth Santos (12), Samantha Michalski (12), Devin DeYoung (12), Sylwia Pilat (12) and Tabitha Deakin (12) pose at Winter Formal. "The dance was alright. The best part was the party bus after the dance," Deakin said.

2 Elizabeth Jelewski (12) gets crowned Winter Formal Queen. She has participated in N Teens, the club that sponsored formal, for two years.

3 Frank Ruvoli (11) of LCTV wades through the crowd with his video camera. Dancers flocked to the camera for a chance to be on LCTV.

4 Students smash together on the dance floor, busting out their moves. Winter Formal took place January 26 at the Halls of St. George.

5 Barbara Racich (10) moves to the coordinated dance of "Soulja Boy." Her group went back to a friend's house after the dance to chill.

6 Brittany Croft (12) and Tyler Goldsberry (12) dance together at formal. "It was a lot of fun, but prom was better," Croft said.



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adventures after formal

Tyler Ferree (12)

"Our group went to the Grand Lux Cafe afterwards. We only got to eat for fifteen minutes before the driver came in and told us we had to leave or we owed him \$120 extra."

Christopher Crotty (10)

"Formal was legendary. Our group went to Hard Rock Cafe, then hit up Club Marlin (our party bus). It was a clutch night."

Alyssa Kowaleski (11)

"Our group took a limo to Chicago and ate at the Italian Village. Next, we went to Millenium Park to walk around and take pictures. Then we went back to Midwest Training Center to ice skate and to spend the night."

in memory: singing for a student singer comme merates her brother **star**

On the night of May 23, emotions were running high as the performers featured in the Talent Show prepared for their 15 minutes of fame.

The emotions one might be feeling would of course be of nervousness and anxiety. Others might be excited to be in the spotlight.

Dance moves are practiced, guitars are tuned and vocal chords are warmed up, but the performers' main objective wasn't to focus on their thoughts. It was to provoke emotions from the audience.

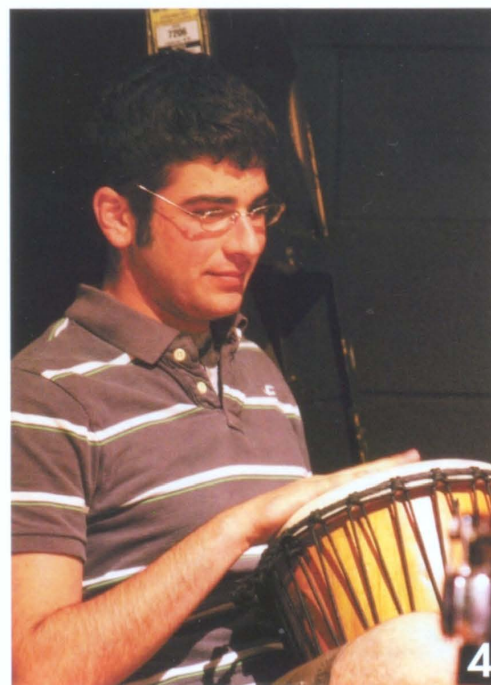
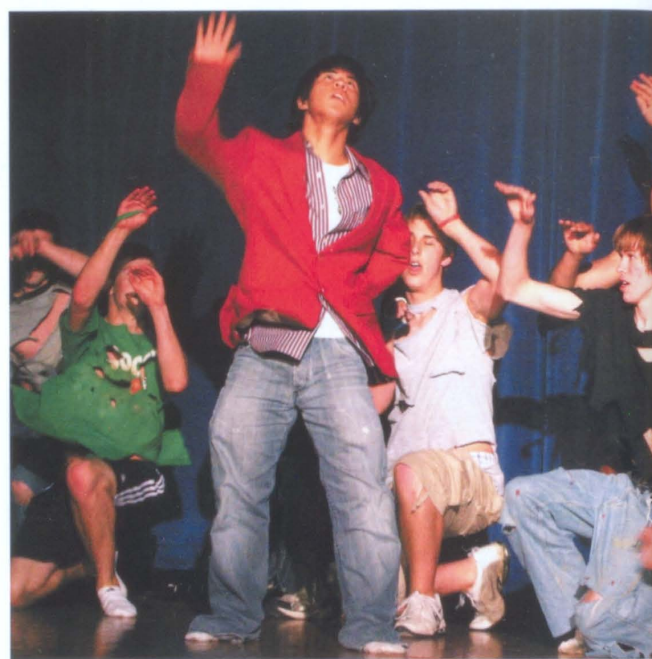
One performance proved to do just that. Hayley Schwartzman (11) sang in memory of her brother, Benjamin Schwartzman ('07). Hayley describes, in her own words, the reasons for writing and playing the song for her brother.

"This year for the Talent Show, I decided to play a song that I wrote for my brother, Ben. He sadly passed away this past October, and I started writing music to release my feelings. He was an incredible musician, and even performed in the talent show his junior year of high school. This is a very difficult journey, but writing my thoughts down is a great way for me to heal. The song I performed in the talent show is called 'Since You've Been Gone.' The song is about how everything is still the same since he's left, but I haven't been the same because he was such a big part of me. 'And all the places that you've been remain, standing just as tall. And all the people that you've met go on without a care at all. And all the music that you've made keeps playing on beautifully. But I need you in order to be me.' I did not play in the talent show in order to win a prize or have people praise me; I played in the talent show for my brother Ben, because I know that he would have been so proud of me. I know he was watching me, smiling down as I played his guitar," Schwartzman said.

"I know that he
would have been
so **proud** of me."

Hayley Schwartzman (11) said.

the editors



and the winners are...



overall winners

Rachel Cerwinske (11), Brooke Burczyk (11) and Leah Cerwinskie (11)



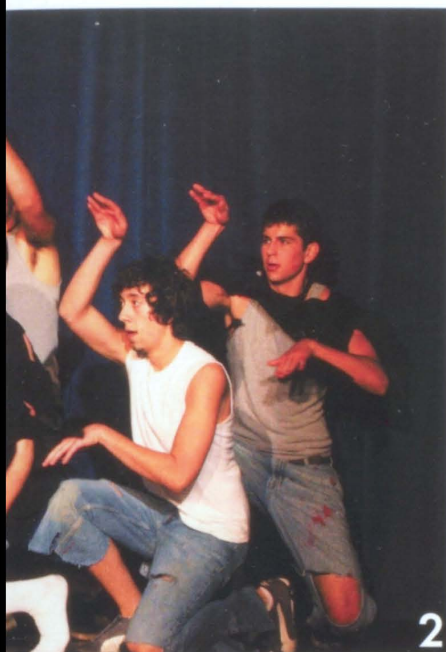
dance winners

Andrew Srisuwananukorn (11), Daniel Heath (10), Lyle Cherven (11), Nicholas McMenamy (11), Michael Hernandez (12), David O'Donnell (9), Joseph Turman (9), Jake Egli (11) and Theodore Sieffert (12)



vocal winners

Samuel Evans (9) and Charles Evans (10)



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1 Hayley Schwartzman (11) sings her original song, "Since You Been Gone." Schwartzman wrote the song in memory of her brother Benjamin Schwartzman ('07).

2 The boys recreate the classic "Thriller" dance by Michael Jackson. At last minute, Andrew Srisuwananukorn (11), took the lead role in the dance after the original dancer could not make it.

3 Christopher Hilbrich (12) and David Deenik (12) sing "Takin' Care of Business." The group also consisted of Jacob Egli (11), Joseph Keilman (12), and Austin Venhuizen (11).

4 Eric Turman (11) warms up during a practice rehearsal for the show. Turman was part of the "Thriller" dance group.

5 Shloka Kini (11) sings the blues while playing the electric guitar. Kini explained that she was tired of dancing in the last two shows, so this year she decided to sing.

6 From LCTV, Christopher Vienna (12) and David Woods (12) host the talent show, and were the entertainment between acts. The boys fought for the spotlight with one of the tech members, Jonathan Kowalski (11), who would receive a huge round of applause every time he came on stage.

performers and audience members recall the big night

in our opinion



"This was my first year doing the show, and I would do it again next year."

Brittany Wooden (11)

"We had a fan club. They cheered for us at Culver's, and we loved them."

Rachel Cerwinskie (11)



"I thought Haley's [Schwartzman] song was awesome. I cried. I'm glad she did that for her brother. Thriller dance was really cool, and it wasn't even the guys that were supposed to do it. They should get better commentary though."

Amanda Crago (12)



a new prom-goers experience new traditions legacy

New traditions start each and every day; what time we wake up in the morning, where we go on our birthdays, or even, as it is with this year, eating dinner before prom.

The junior class cabinet decided that there would be a dinner at the Halls of St. George before the prom.

"It's a good idea. A lot of groups like ours go to Chicago to eat and don't have dinner until 11:30 [p.m.] or 12 [a.m.], so it's nice to have something before then," Stephen Meeker (12) said.

Some people loved the idea. They thought it gave the students something else to do other than take pictures and dance. Others did not agree.

"I don't like it. I think it takes away from something to do afterward. It makes the tickets cost more for something I don't want," Alex Lang (11) said.

Despite students differences in opinion on the dinner, the traditions of prom still persisted:

going out to eat after the dance and the whole prom weekend experience.

"We went to the Cheesecake Factory [after the dance]," Meeker said.

"We just went to Steak n' Shake to get something quick and cheap because we went to Chicago the next morning," Lang said.

The dinner was in dispute among the students, and the frequent delays in the music caused a little bit of tension in the atmosphere around prom.

Another tradition switch was the selection process of the prom court. Students did not have to be a couple to be nominated for the court.

William McAllister (12) and Jennifer Simac (12) were nominated for the Prom King and Queen and Sarah Sweeney (11) and Lucas Butkovic (11) were nominated for the Prom Prince and Princess. *Vivien Shremp & Brooke Bushong*

"I think it takes away from *something* to do afterward."

Alex Lang (11) said.



highlights from the big night

in the moment



"My highlight of prom was afterwards going to Chicago for a carriage ride."

Jennifer Brennan (12)

"My highlight of prom was watching people hide underneath the tables from [Mr. Douglas] McCallister."

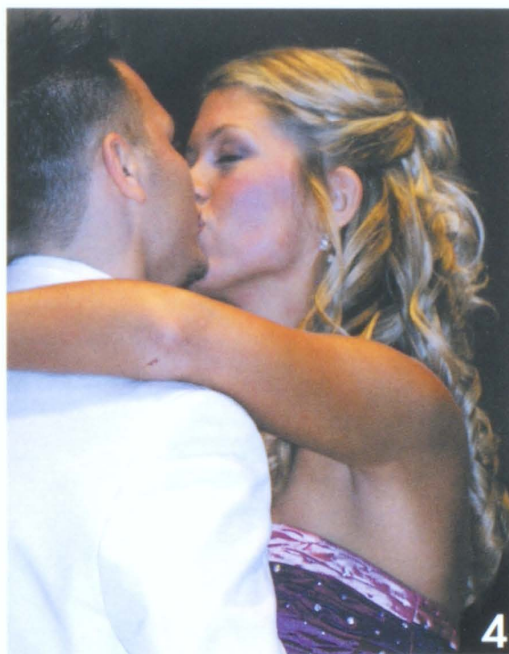
Jillian Ruiz (11)



Sometimes Prom night does not go as well as planned. For Zachary Adamczyk (11) and Danielle Kovacic (12), their night started off with a car crash. Fortunately, everyone walked away, and no one was hurt. The same can not be said for Adamczyk's tuxedo.

"The stain is from the flowers. The airbag smashed [the flowers] into the coat."

Zachary Adamczyk (11)



1 Jennifer Simac (12) and William McAllister (12) pose for a picture during the Prom Court ceremony. The senior couple was crowned Prom Queen and King that night.

2 Prom goers clap their hands to the song "The Casper Slide." This was after the music was stopped several times in order to find certain students.

3 Eugenia Pilkins (12) and Kertis Grimmer (12) dance at prom. Many people were upset by the fact the music kept being stopped, but others chose to ignore it.

4 Rebecca Warrens (12) and John Steel (12) take a moment to kiss during a slow song. They were both a part of the Senior Prom Court and won "Most Likely to Marry Your High School Sweetheart" at Senior Banquet earlier in the year.

5 Sarah Sweeney (11) and Lukas Butkovic (11) stand during the Prom Court ceremony in order to take photographs. The pair was announced the Prom Prince and Princess that night.

6 Lauren Dermody (11) and Christina Pruitt (12) talk during the dance. "My junior prom was a night I won't forget thanks to my great friends," Dermody said. After the prom, Dermody and her friends went to House of Kobe.

7 Rebecca Nawrocki (11) and Kurt Baer Jr. (12) take time to pose for a picture during the night. Before the dance, many students took part in the Grand March and professional photos, which were held at the school.

"I like [dinner at prom] a lot.

It gives us something else to do besides take pictures and dance. Plus the food was really good!" Amy Armato (12) said.

1 Christina Carroll (12) and Joseph Valez (Bishop Noll Institute '11) take a picture in front of the famous Bean at Millennium Park in Chicago. Carroll and her group spent the day enjoying the windy city for her senior prom weekend.

2 Patrick Hoernig (11) and Jonathan Tallent (11) play Mario Kart on Wii at Sarah Sweeney's (11) house the night of prom. Instead of the usual camping, Chicago or Six Flags, they chose to hang out with their closet friends on the weekend of prom.

3 Jessica Dobson (11) strikes a pose while Keith Miloschoff (12), Brooke Bushong (12), Nathaniel Statler (Berrien Springs High School '12) and Walter Wians (Kankakee Valley High School '11) work on checking to see if the carrier top was secured. "The whole ordeal was driving me insane because I kept thinking the carrier top was going to fall off on the highway," Bushong said.

4 Joshua Skalka (10), Rachel Guiden (11), Kristen Rose (11), David Cybulski (10) and Anna Mangiaracina (11) gather together for a picture while at the Dunes for prom weekend. The group enjoyed their day at the beach despite the cold weather.

5 Patrick Shanley (12), Benjamin Panfil (12), Joseph Shaughnessy (12) and David Woods (12) work together to start a campfire. Camping over prom weekend has become a senior tradition over the years.

6 Alyssa Goodfriend (11) and Meredith Cioffi (11) ride the American Eagle roller coaster at Six Flags Great America. Six Flags is located in Gurnee, IL, so the trip to the theme park was very feasible.



in the right spirits

"On Friday May 9, we decided to have our own 'camp out' since we weren't going to prom. Everything was going great until we decided to have a bonfire and make smores. The fire went kind of down, so we thought we should add more gasoline like we did to get it started. As the gas was getting poured onto the fire, the flame came out of the top of the fire pit and Christopher Crotty (10) got engulfed with flames. Tyler Graves' (10) sweatshirt caught on fire; luckily, he ripped it off just in time. Kyle Lisek (10) wasn't burned until he jumped on Chris to help save his best friend. Chris was the worst. It took forever for the ambulance to arrive. I never left Chris's side. When we got to the hospital, we finally got told that Chris was airlifted to the University of Chicago. Chris has fourth degree burns on his legs and hands. He is going through so many surgeries it is unbelievable. He has to stay in the burn unit of the hospital for at least four more weeks. After that, he will be transported to a rehabilitation center to learn to walk again and regain his strength. On a happier note, we are doing everything we can to bring up his spirits. We try to have someone go see him every day that he does not have a surgery scheduled. We had bracelets made that say, "Keep Fighting, CC," and we just made a movie with all of us so he has something to watch where he's updated with the latest drama of our group. We are really doing everything we can. I just wish it was enough. Through everything, Chris still keeps a smile on my face whenever I see him or talk to him. He's still the funniest kid I know. I just wish this whole thing never happened,"

Stephanie Slovnik (10) said.



"Prom weekend was the most amazing weekend of my life," Emily Hausser (12) said.



not so perfect

nothing stops
the good times

Prom weekend: The last hoorah of the school year. The weekend to remember is supposed to be filled with amazing weather, your closest friends and unforgettable memories. However, prom weekend's setbacks can be innumerable.

"There was a lot of drama with the times to meet, and one of the moms and I had different opinions on what to do for the limo," Paige Biegel (11) said.

Taking place in early May, the sun should be shining, the birds should be chirping and there should be absolutely no clouds in the sky. But, cold rain and cloudy skies is most certainly not the weather of one's ideal prom weekend.

"We did have the problem of weather. It was cold and miserable. The weather was bad to go to Chicago, so we just went to the mall. It was just a weekend to have fun and hang out before a lot of my friends graduated," William Jarvis (11) said.

Organizing prom weekend is not as easy as it sounds either. All of the last minute details and littlest problems can make one

"We had everything planned perfectly, but nothing went according to plan,"

Chelsey Dunlap (12) said.

want to pull out their hair. Planning prom weekend takes a lot of patience and understanding of everyone's wishes.

"After prom, my friends and I rented a cabin for the weekend in Bloomington. We had everything planned perfectly, but nothing went according to plan," Chelsey Dunlap (12) said.

Whether it's going to Six Flags, Chicago or camping, the memories from prom weekend will last a lifetime. The weather, schedules and drama may have been considered a predicament to some, but they certainly did not put a damper on the bonding and relationships made between close friends.

emily ganza & karee hackel

students recollect on their unique prom weekend experiences



"I went to Green Acres and hung out with people. We had a big fire and played some games."

Cady Musfield (12)

"The best part of prom weekend was seeing Speed Racer and then out to Chili's with my boyfriend."

Colleen McIntyre (12)



"The night of prom my boyfriend and I went over to his friend's house to watch a movie. I had stayed the night at Patrick Shanley's (12) house that night. The next morning since I wasn't able to go camping, Patrick made sure to take me out to breakfast. I

Kristin Lammrecht (11)



goin' all out

1 Stephanie Segal (12) gets off of one of the buses that brings the guests up to Meyer's Castle. Segal, along with Kelly Borgia (12), Katilyn Alilovich (12) and Emily Bohn (12), dressed up as the "Deal or No Deal" girls.

2 Angela Youngs (12) and Jennifer Evora (12) walk into the dance as the Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders. The famous blue and white outfits were also sported by Amy Buck (12) and Megan Epperson (12) who went in the same group as Youngs and Evora.

3 Joshua Santiago (12), Nathan Whitaker (12), Derrick Ristich (12), Cameron Geary (12) and Kristian Antonov (12) pose as the Backstreet Boys. "The best part of senior banquet was the Backstreet Boys and Spice Girls dance off," Whitaker said.

4 Tyler Ferree (12), Brandon Banashak (12), Stevan Alavanja (12) and Kyle Duncan (12) dress up as the Simpsons. The boys, with the other members of their group, got together before the banquet to cover themselves in yellow acrylic paint.

5 Caleb Butler (12), Bryan Gomez (12), David Deenik (12), Christopher Hilbrich (12) and Tyler Wood (12) connect in their Tetris peice costumes. The night they made the costumes, the boys would "connect" and stand in the street as cars approached them.

6 Benjamin Panfil (12) and Nicholas Boney (12) pose in their Transformer costumes that took hours to make. "It took a long time to make it but it was definitely worth it," Panfil (12) said.



dance wars

seniors weigh in on senior banquet and prom

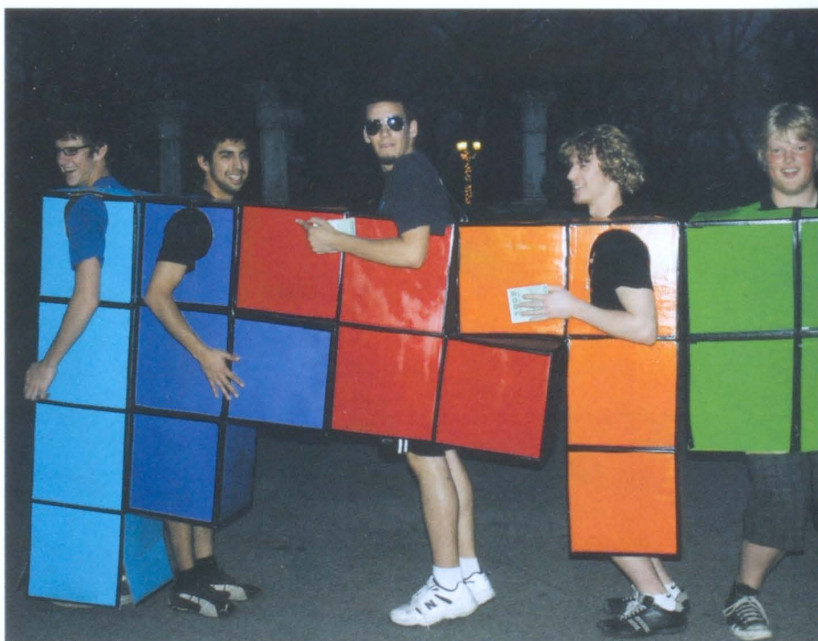
"My group and I went as the Wizard of Oz. Prom and Senior Banquet were both equal to each other because they were both fun. [Senior Banquet] was fun being there with all of the senior class, but there was better music at prom," Sarah Hilbrich (12) said.

"The bus ride was fun because we were already in our \$60 Tetris costumes and couldn't sit down. I liked Senior Banquet better [than prom], but prom had better food. [Senior Banquet] was more fun because of the costumes," Bryan Gomez (12) said.

"I went with Amy Buck (12), Angela Youngs (12) and Megan Epperson (12) as Dallas Cowboy cheerleaders. I liked Senior Banquet better because it was a lot more fun, and the DJ was much better," Jennifer Evora (12) said.



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"Senior year went so fast. I'm glad it's over," Lindsay Cross (12) said.

seniors get celebrating their last dance creative

Senior banquet is anticipated all year, every year. It is the dance that stands apart from all other high school dances. The only dress code required is an awesome costume.

"It was one for the best dances. I'm glad we had a great costume and I'm glad nobody got arrested," Shane Cloutier (12) said, who dressed up alongside Ryan Meneghin (12) as the Butabi brothers from "Night at the Roxbury."

Seniors get the chance to dress up, with a theme. The theme was famous duos, trios and groups. It gave students many opportunities to work with, and they definitely had fun with it.

"The best part of the night was seeing everyone's costumes. It was fun to see what everyone was dressed up as," Holly Krause (12) said.

The range of costumes could easily be seen. On the dance floor were Spice Girls, Dumb and Dumber, Rob and Big, the seasons, Disney princesses and even Steve Erwin. The variety was only to be expected from the type of kids in the senior class.

"The LC baseball team were my favorite costumes," Kelly Borgia (12) said.

"It was so much fun because there was no other event like it, and it was only seniors."

Holly Krause (12) said.

The LC baseball team and the Super Troopers' costumes combined for the "Best Costume" award. Most students enjoyed this dance

more than prom or formal. It gives them more room for creativity, along with being less stressful, while a lot less money is spent.

"The Backstreetboys and Spice Girls dance off was the most exciting thing I've ever seen," Nathan Whitaker (12) said.

Memories weren't just made by the costumes, though. Many will remember the night for the awards they got.

"I was class clown, and I was excited about that because I showed my mom, and she said that she didn't raise me," Zachary Langeen (12) said.

For many students, senior banquet was an experience they will miss, but remember, and for underclassmen, it is something that is always looked forward to in their upcoming years.

Jessica Thomas & Tiffany Pavlovic

students share their senior banquet experiences



"I went as Amy Winehouse. I went in a really big group as celebrity trainwrecks."

Brittany Grantlam (12)

"One of the best parts of senior year, and no one should miss it."

David Townsend (12)



"My friends and I went as the Adam's Family. I dressed up as Wednesday Adams. I didn't like it as much as the other dances because it was too crowded. We were all packed in Meyer's Castle. Despite the rain and how we were all pushed in there, it was fun."

Nicole Kullina (12)



in costume



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the first day of the rest of our for seniors, the end brings a new beginning

lives

"Good evening. It is my honor to welcome all of you as we congratulate and commemorate the class of 2008," Tara Davis (12) said.

"Shhh... can you hear it?"

That's the sound of your heart beating, and now is the perfect time to listen to that heart of yours and do what you desire," Kevin Parikh (12) said.

"[Alfred] Tennyson once wrote, 'Tis better to have loved and lost than to never have loved at all.' I am grateful that I can honestly say that in high school I have met and built relationships with enough incredible people to have learned at least one very important lesson which I believe is worth sharing: the most important thing about one's past is what one has learned in the time allotted and what one has done with that knowledge," Michael Ashenbrenner (12) said.

"If you are sitting here today... you have made it through everything Lake Central has thrown at you," Krysta Arnold (12) said.

"I can't believe that four years have flown by. We have all changed and grown so much, and [also] have accomplished a great deal," Jeffrey Riddle (12) said.

"[However,] there comes a point in our lives when we are forced to become 'I-N-D-E-P-E-N-D-E-N-T. Do ya'll know what that means?' For many of us, that day of independence is soon approaching," Parikh said.

"It doesn't matter if you know exactly where you want to be in ten years or if you don't even know what you will do with your life tomorrow, do whatever makes you happy," Arnold said.

"Life is fleeting... when life seems unstable, one must rely on experiences and what he or she has learned from them in order to take advantage of any given situation," Ashenbrenner said.

"Life is *fleeting*... when life seems unstable, one must rely on experiences and what he or she has learned."

Michael Ashenbrenner (12) said.

"We will be leaving the '2-1-9' and leaving everything we are familiar with

behind. As we enter these uncharted territories, we must be confident that we can handle everything that comes our way," Parikh said.

"I urge you not only to step forward in taking great strides in life, but to also step upwards at the same time as you build upon your experiences in high school," Ashenbrenner said.

"Commence means the start or beginning. This commencement marks the beginning of the rest of our lives," Parikh said.

"[However,] don't forget your childhood dreams. Keep in contact with old friends. Life moves fast, but the treasures of the past are plenty," Ashenbrenner said.

"The past four years have prepared us to thrive in our own paradises. Michael Jordan once said, 'Some people want it to happen, some wish it would happen, others make it happen.' We must pursue our own passions. We must set goals and desires, and we must make them happen. No task is insurmountable," Parikh said.

"Class of 2008, although tonight is about you, and me, and our successes, we must not forget to give thanks to those who have made this milestone in our lives possible," Karen Burgos (12) said.

"We would like to thank our families who have motivated and supported us. This is as epic for them as it is for us," Riddle said.

"We realize the wisdom you have shared is invaluable. We will use what you have given us to better our lives and the lives of those around us," Davis said.

"It is incredible what can be learned from just one person. Those near and dear should be treasured throughout life's duration," Ashenbrenner said.

"Teachers, coaches, parents, mentors, and other members of the staff and faculty... deserve thanks beyond words for contributing to the best years of our lives... for contributing to the people that we are, and the people that we are about to become," Burgos said.

"As we sit together one last time... it is time to close a chapter of our lives and embark upon a new one in this book they call life," Davis said.

"The world is filled with opportunities, as Burger King says, you can 'Have it your way.' As White Castle says, do 'what you crave.' And, when we finally reach our goals, we will be able to quote McDonalds and say, 'I'm lovin' it,'" Parikh said.

the editors

"I'm happy that graduation finally came," Jennifer Olson (12) said.



"I had a lot of fun at graduation, and it wasn't as sad as I thought it would be," Mallory Rangel (12) said.

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seniors express their feelings on their last day of school

out of here



"I can't believe it's [end of the year] already here. The ending is bittersweet."

Hannah Kimberly (12)

"It's the most exciting time of my life or your life."

Alan Russell (12)



"On the last day of school, all I did was play Uno, and now [I am] the Uno champion of the world."

Brianna Graham (12)



"It doesn't even feel like the last day, honestly. It'll probably hit me tomorrow."

Gabrielle Makarowski (12)

"I am very excited to be leaving LC, although I will miss the amazing teachers and students I've met along the years."

Lissette Martinez (12)



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1 Class Valedictorian Kevin Parikh (12) rips a phone book apart during his graduation speech. "To prove nothing is impossible, I will rip this phonebook in half," Parikh said.

2 Cristian Johnson (12) dances while on stage to get his diploma. Some students stood out by waving to the crowd, by holding up peace signs, or by breaking out in dance, like Johnson did.

3 Matthew Wesley (12) goes across the stage during his turn to receive a diploma. As Wesley crossed the stage, the entire audience gave him a round of applause and a standing ovation to show their support.

4 Shannon Jones (11), Blake Zamora (12), Colette Herald (12) and Gregory Cameron (12) sing with the rest of the Counterpoints. During the commencement ceremony, the Counterpoints sang "And So It Goes" and

5 Michael Ashenbrenner (12) presents his Salutatorian speech to the graduating class. "After all, what matters most lies within these memories. When you sit back to assess your time in high school, the most satisfaction will come from those experiences, both harsh and lighthearted," Ashenbrenner said.

of a graduate



1. Mortar board
2. Commencement programs
3. Medal; denotes Academic Honors Diploma
4. Cord; denotes Summa Cum Laude (GPA average above 4.0 after 7 semesters)
5. Commencement Ticket
6. Diploma Cover
7. Panoramic Photo order form
8. Blue and White Tassel
9. Gold Tassel; denotes National Honor Society Membership
10. Graduation speech; given by the Valedictorian, Salutatorian and Class Officers

faculty

meet the administrators



Mrs. Sandie Platt
building principal



Mr. Ken Miller
freshman center principal



Mr. Ed Beck
freshman center asst. principal



Mr. Douglas McCallister
dean of students



Mr. Tim Powers
sophomore principal



Mr. Sean Begley
junior principal



Mr. Robert McDermott
senior principal



LORI BRUMM

teachers explain why they chose education

in the know



"I lived in Fortworth, TX for five years. This is my eighth year teaching, and LC is the biggest school I've taught at. The students are wonderful. I'm teaching the subjects that I love, so it's great."

Mrs. Koula Amanatidis

"I really like LC. I am very fortunate to work in the freshman English department because I work with helpful, hardworking, dedicated teachers."

Mrs. Dianna Melby



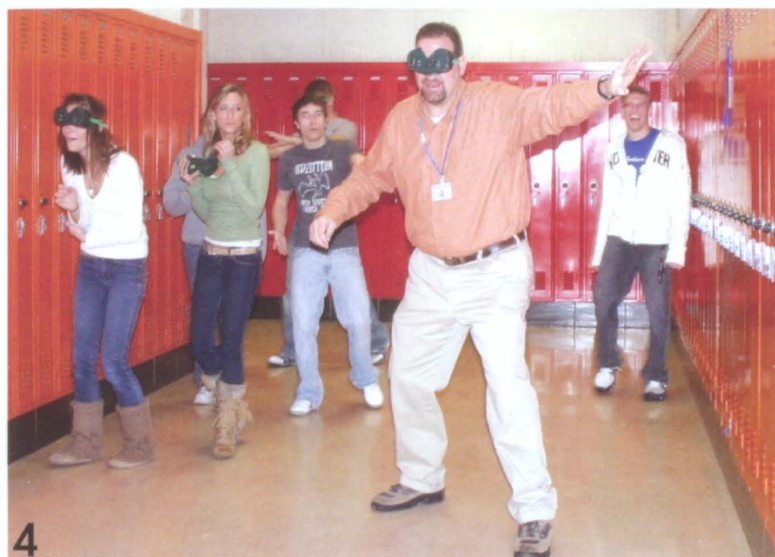
"I'm new to the corporation, but I have been teaching for eight to nine years. I started out in business, but I couldn't find any one to do what I wanted. I put a spin on things because of my business experience. I teach biology, applied biology and chemistry. I use to be a research chemist. When there was a shortage of oil, I blended different materials to help truck drivers. So when students ask, 'Geometry...why?' I'll tell them why. Most kids that know me know I'm a true nerd, and my offspring are too."

Mrs. Mary Jean Martin



"Last year, all the teachers told us that the teachers we'd get this year would be harder on us, but they weren't," Cynthia Carroll (9) said.

"I try to do school activities, and I like meeting new people. I try to get involved in classes, too," Christine Natarrelli (12) said.



1 Mrs. Lori Brumm, Secretary, takes a phone call during her busy day on the job. Every blue day, Brumm took the place of ICTV and delivered the daily announcements to the students and staff.

2 Mrs. Sandi Bushong, Art, assists Gregory Cameron (12) with his project in Art III. Bushong has taught for thirty-four years in the corporation.

3 Mrs. Chris Bruns, Home Economics, repins fabric for a student. Bruns taught students common tasks that will help them when they are living on their own.

4 Mr. Ralph Holden, Social Studies, learns the effects of "Drunk Goggles" during his AP psychology class. Holden realized that when turned upside down, the goggles gave a completely new perspective.

5 Without hesitation, Mrs. Nancy Hoban, Science, assists Daniel Kukis (12) during anatomy and physiology class. The students' lab consisted of working with and dissecting sheep brains.

last words on her way out

Emily Levin & Karen Burgois

"My twenty-eight years in the Lake Central School Corporation have been challenging and rewarding, with never a dull moment. The next Superintendent will discover that s(he) has entered a world of high achieving students, supportive parents, highly competent staff members, a team of committed administrators and a board focused on academic success. If I were a young administrator, I would have no reason to leave Lake Central. No one could ask for a better school system in which to spend a career," Dr. Janet Emerick, Superintendent, said.

"Understanding the importance of preparing oneself to achieve academic excellence is the most important thing a student can learn," Mr. Wayne Svetanoff, English, said.

Koula Amanatides
Pam Anderson
Al Angel
Karen Arehart
Laurel Bankroft



Jennifer Barta
Kim Beach
Ed Beck
Chris Bobowsky
Karen Bowman



Lori Brumm
Chris Bruns
Terri Budlove
Don Bugaski
Doug Burns



Eric Bushong
Sandy Bushong
Darryl Carstensen
Rita Chavez
Josh Clark



Tom Clark
Chris Colle
Jody Cook
Angela Corrie
Betsy Cowan



Myra Dalton
Kathy Donaldson
Ann Downey
Bob Emerick
Chris Engel



"Everyday subbing is a new day at Lake Central. It's just constantly something new," Mr. Bill Mertins, substitute, said.

Mrs. Laura Zeller:

photos contributed by: Mrs. Laura Zeller, technical specialist

a Grobanite



a little insight:

favorite song: "In Her Eyes" by Josh Groban

favorite instrument: piano

favorite concert: Awake by Josh Groban

dream job: working as the technical specialist at Lake Central

obsessions: international charity work, Josh Groban & music in general

1 A closer look at one of Josh Groban's fan websites. Groban's fans worked to update the nation on his upcoming events.

2 Groban shines at the United Center in Chicago. He performed more recently during February of 2007.

"I am a Grobanite inspired by Josh, and a person who cares and does for others in need. Josh Groban is an inspiration and a role model to all who know him. I first heard Josh sing on two episodes of Ally McBeal in 2001 when he was twenty years old. I was really impressed by his singing but didn't know much about him. It wasn't until his second album, 'Closer,' came out in 2003 that I got involved in learning about Josh, the person. He is such an inspiration in the way he lives his life. I joined the fan club just so I could get first pick at his concert tickets and everything happened from there. I now have so

many friends through the club which has people from all over the world. We start charities whenever Josh or one of us sees the need. We are fondly called 'Grobanites' and our organization is Grobanites For Charity. This is the organization we started to help support The Josh Groban Foundation. My involvement is really no greater than anyone else involved in the foundation. We work on different charities with different chairmen each time. I always give money to every charity. A friend of mine started a branch for the California wildfire victims recently. Some of our charities include the Grobanite Toy Drive, Grobanites for Africa, Habitat for Humanity, Hurricane Katrina victims fund, Tender Totes and Heavenly Dreams and many others," Mrs. Laura Zeller, technical specialist, said.

"Josh Groban is an inspiration and a role model to all who know him,"

Mrs. Laura Zeller said.

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Fred Farnell
Joe Fox
Scott Freckelton
Kim Freeman
Lynn Gandolfi



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Lindsay Gora
Megan Grubbs
Andrew Gurnak
Dian Handley



Tom Hansen
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Jennifer Havens
Amanda Helms

Mike Hensley
 Scot Hilyard
 Nancy Hoban
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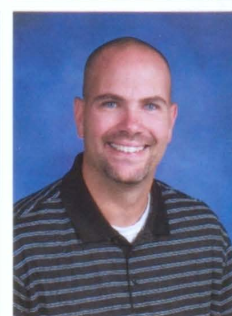
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Julie Myers
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Kristina Ochman
Robert Ochs

Ms. Lisa Pajkos: dogsledder

Many students wonder what the staff does with their free time. In addition to teaching, Ms. Lisa Pajkos, West Lake, runs two organizations outside of school.

She runs a Mach One Dog Sled Team. The team used to race in Michigan in sprint racing for three miles, which took three to four dogs. This sport can be as exhausting as cross-country skiing because of all the running done behind the dogs.

"I've been racing for four years. We usually place in the top ten," Pajkos said.

She started off just buying one dog, but one turned into two, and two into three, and so on.

"My brother and I own nineteen dogs, and five of them are rescues. I now own a ten acre farm where I give dog sled rides to raise money for my other organization," Pajkos said.

In addition to dog sledding,

Pajkos started the Northwest Indiana Bird and Ferret Association, also known as the NWIBA.

"In 2001, I rescued a cockatoo. It was abused and someone who knew I had birds called me to ask if I would take the bird in. Since then we have adopted out more than two hundred birds," Pajkos said.

Pajkos finds foster homes for them.

"I give dog sled rides to raise money for my other organization,"

Mrs. Lisa Pajkos said.

The NWIBA, a non-profit organization, has a 99.9% success rate in getting the right home for the animal. Many of the birds just came from bad owners.

"It is the only non-profit ferret rescue in Northwest Indiana," Pajkos said.



a little insight:

how you began dog sledding: "I started out buying a husky, so I had a jogging buddy. I started reading about activities to do with them, and I gradually got more," Pajkos said.

related injury: during training Pajkos cut open her eye, which she taped together herself; because of this incident, she has nicknamed herself Dr. Quinn.



Team Buddy



Team Ballo



Mr. Albert Koch:

published author

Help Mom with the Dishes—Lessons from Life's Classroom is a book that contains a story which applies to us all. It is written by an author who understands our situation. The author not only understands, but he is also a part of our situation. The author, Mr. Albert Koch, Social Studies, is one of our teachers right here in our school.

"I was not a very good student in high school; I struggled with English, and I still do. Now I read everyday, and I do crossword puzzles to learn what words mean," Koch said.

Mr. Koch writes because he wants to tell stories and knows that everyone has one.

"You write what you know. The book has twelve chapters about struggles everyone experiences," Mr. Koch said

Mr. Koch's struggles range from being a "turtle" to being a father. He writes about his insights. He understands that everyone has problems to deal with, and he uses that to show how all people are similar.

a little insight:

with \$1 million: "I would give it away; I'm not really money-oriented."

favorite movie: Casablanca and American Graffiti

"We're all in life together. Every parent has the same problems; every student has the same problems. It's how we deal with it that makes us different. Part of life is learning to deal with problems," Mr. Koch said.

Since we all have the same problems, Mr. Koch wants us to realize we should be a little more understanding, and give each other a break every once in a while.

"That's why for nearly 40 years, I've given my students the same homework assignment each day: 'help mom with the dishes.' It's more than a request from them to volunteer for chores around the house; it's a gentle reminder to tangibly express thoughtfulness, kindness and decency towards others."

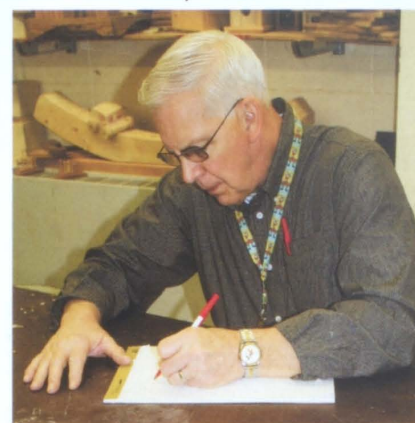
"Part of life is learning how to deal with the problems."

Mr. Albert Koch said.

high school goal: wanted a chance to be better

favorite music: rock & roll

if you could go anywhere: to see the



artwork of Michael-Angelo in Rome

obsession: collects old records

Katie Harned

Angela Ohlenkamp
Richard Ohlenkamp
Ray Palasz
Joanna Peszko
Mark Peterson



Sandie Platt
Rita Powell
Tim Powers
Toni Radio
Jereme Rainwater



Carol Ramch
Nancy Randolph
Terry Richardson
Laura Riggs
Kathy Rosinski



"Basically being in the classroom and being able to help and teach students [is my favorite part of working here]," Mr. Bill Mertens, substitute, said.



Mary Ross
Sarah Roth
Jeff Sandor
John Schneider
Cynthia Scrivener



Barb Serynek
Jeff Sherman
Stephanie Shevik
Rudy Skorupa
Claire Slivka



Kendal Smith
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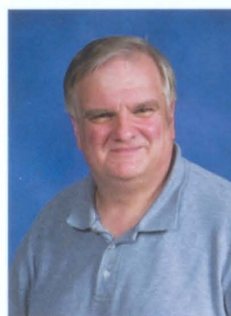


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Kerry Zajicek
Laura Zeller
Teresa Zentz



Mr. Mike Hensley:

jack of all trades

Many teachers dedicate his or her time to other activities throughout school other than just teaching; likewise, Mr. Mike Hensley, Foreign Language, has put forth more time and effort into other activities than most people would imagine.

"I started the tennis team and program when it was for both boys and girls," Hensley said.

Hensley also coached freshman baseball for fifteen years, sponsored classes for twelve consecutive years, coached undefeated powder - puff teams, all the while being world department head for "a long time."

Although Hensley may be better known as "Herr" to his German students, there is more to him than what students and faculty see.

"[I was] the home run champion of Schererville Little League with a record of 11 home runs in 16 games,

pitched for Schererville Babe Ruth and won the championship and the fastest runner and player on the football team for my junior and senior year," Hensley said.

After an impressive athletic background, Hensley went on to become a private pilot for small, four seated planes.

Despite Hensley's aspirations in becoming a professional athlete, his job resides in teaching.

"I like working with students and meeting all of the nice people," Hensley said.



a little insight:

with \$1 million: "Make sure my family was secure and donate portions to various charities related to the medical field."
favorite food: Wiener Schnitzel

favorite color: blue
favorite movie: Jaws
best vacation: Orlando and Disney World

Emily Levin

"I like working with students and meeting all the nice people,"

Mr. Mike Hensley said.

cafeteria staff



front row:

Cindy Sandor, Sherry Rakoczy, Nada Vujnic, Gail Hadarich, Christie Zendzian, Wendy Livingston

2nd row:

Mary Gora, Bobbi Adams, Darla Overholt, Angela Lucido, Karen Cockerham, Cheryl Fulk, Sandy Wojcik, Sahar Wissa, Cynthia Siddall

back row:

Debbie Thompson, Linda Budack, Pat Smithy, Sue Gillen, Debbie Dorsey, Terri Loveless, Cimperly Rhoads, Sharon Sowa, Sally Shaver, Rhonda Jazwierski



custodial staff

front row:

Tom McCormick, Virginia Talley, Robyn Jones, Frankie Melcher

back row:

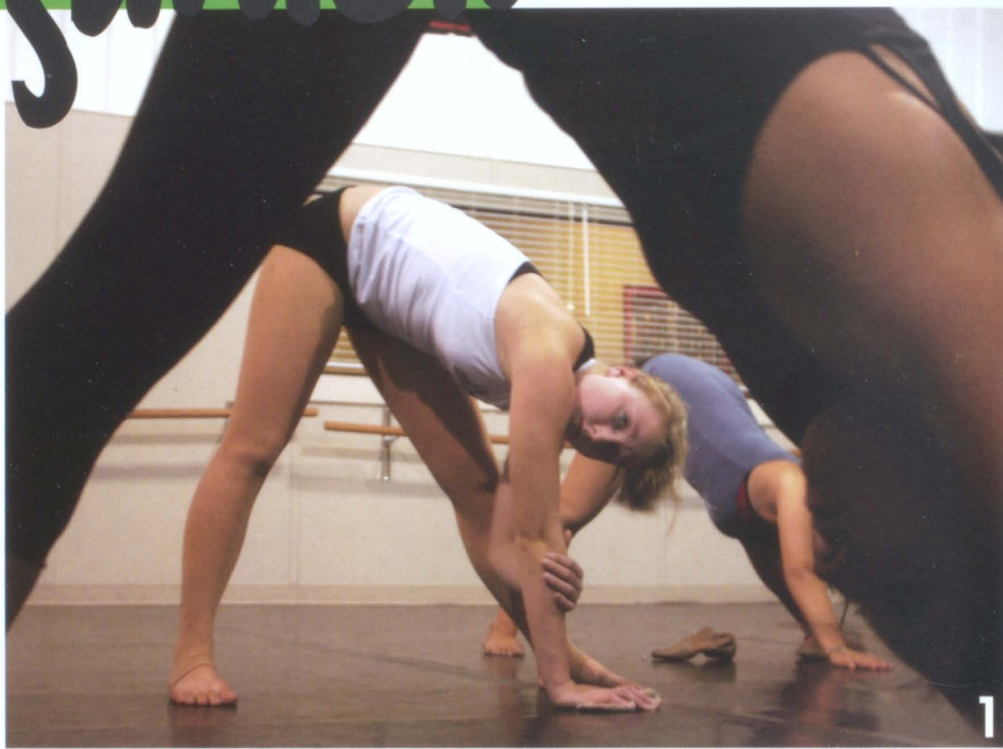
Mark Anderson, Milka Culic, Mara Seat, Debbie Bridegroom, Cathey Higgins, and Tom Rainwater

"Teaching isn't just teaching. It is all about the rest of it. I like the classroom part of teaching, the part with creativity,"
Mr. Louis Valge, Science said.

freshmen

class cabinet members

Victoria Banks,
Alexea Candreva
Diana Dieguez,
Samantha Feld-
man, Kelly Forbes,
Carly Ham,
Michael Harretos
II, Ashley Klein,
Marina Magna-
bosco, Panagiota
Manousopoulos,
Julie Niemzyk,
Samantha
Rechlicz, Taylor
Rimmele, Nikolina
Savic, Ariana
Starks, Megan
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Panagiota Manousopoulos (9)
president



Diana Dieguez (9)
vice president



Julie Niemzyk (9)
secretary



Nikolina Savic (9)
treasurer

freshmen look forward to upcoming high school years

in the future



"In the next few years, I'm looking forward to meeting new people, going to prom and graduating."

Hannah Park (9)

"I'm looking forward to playing football next year and I'm hoping not to fail out of high school."

Brian Hudi (9)



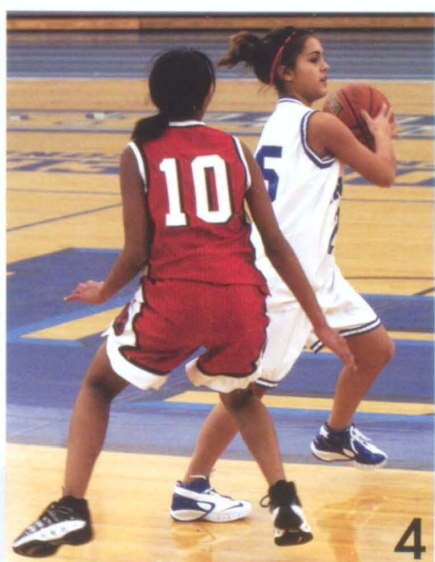
"I want to have a good sports career and meet new friends. I'm going to put **139.3%** into all my academics and sports."

Brandon Cloutier (9)



"I liked meeting new people and having a good time," Cody Barnes (9) said.

"I like that the classes are longer, and you have more time for homework," Justin Urbani (9) said.



1 Alexandria Mele (12) stretches with Chelsey Banasiak (9) during a Centralette practice. In most sports, there is a separate team for just freshmen, but the JV and Varsity Centralette teams consist of dancers ranging from freshmen to seniors.

2 Joseph Szczerbowski (9) and Tanner Redlarczyk (9) work out to a Tae Bo video during their P.E. class. "I got in trouble during Tae Bo, so I had to run laps," Szczerbowski said.

3 Members of the freshmen volleyball team huddle together before their game against Andean. "High school [volleyball] was definitely different from being in middle school. It was a lot tougher, but still a lot of fun," Megan Wojcik (12) said.

4 Ashley DeSantiago (9) attempts to keep control of the ball while competing against the Portage Indians. The freshmen girls basketball team has a bright future ahead; the team successfully ended their season undefeated.

Katie Koryewski

moving in

Freshman year: after working so hard to rise to the top in eighth grade, it's back to the bottom of the totem pole. Standing at the bus stop at 6:15 a.m. in the pitch dark might not be the ideal situation for you, but you may be a lucky one and get to bum a ride from your big sister. Distinguished by a new face, dripping hair and attempts of practically running from the pool to 9201, you are well noticed, but maybe not in the way you want to be. The start to your high school career may be exciting, nerve-wracking and anxiety ridden, but there is one thing that it isn't: forgettable.

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Michael Abdulqader
Christopher Adams
Cody Adams
Kristie Adams
Nicholas Adams
Taylor Ahlgrain
Mohammed Al-Khalidi



James Albee
Amanda Albin
Anthony Albomonte
Zachary Alvarado
Alejandro Alvarez
Patricia Alvarez
Anastasia Amanatidis
Megan Anderson



Courtney Andrews
Nicholas Anthony
Allison Anton
Ashley Applegate
Chadd Arnold
Kennan Arvay
Lauren Ashenbrener
Elizabeth Avalos



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Michelle Baczkowski
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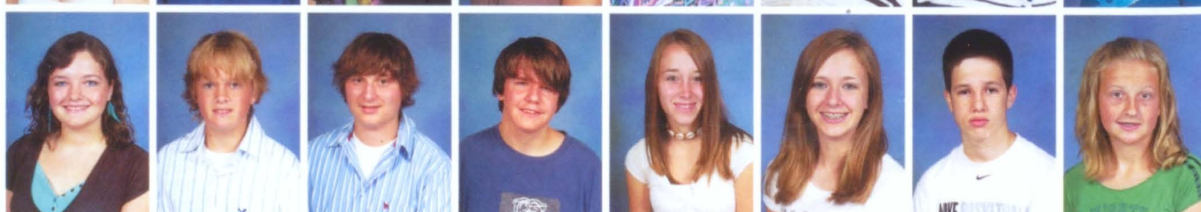
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Kelly Bourget
Sean Boyle
Trevor Bradtke
Chad Brandt
Jillian Brandt
Nicole Brann
Nicholas Broertjes
Allison Brooks



"I get to be with my friends a lot, and I like [the year] so far," Symone Parker (9) said.

Tiffany Marquiss:

dance extraordinaire



Being a freshman is hard enough, but being a freshman on the Varsity dance team, on top of being on another dance team could push a teenager over the edge. For Tiffany Marquiss (9), this is her life. On average she practices at least thirteen hours a week, and that is without the extra time she puts in.

"Managing school time and dance is the hardest part about [being on two dance teams]. I never get enough sleep," Marquiss said.

Indiana DanzForce Seniors is almost just as time consuming as being on the Centralettes for Marquiss. She also is a teaching assistant at M2Dance Center. She assists Miss Bri Clark in teaching a Ballet 1 class, which consists of several girls ranging in ages five to ten. She constantly jokes about spending more time at her dance studio than at her actual home.

"I might as well put a cot up in the attic and live there; maybe add a fridge," Marquiss said.

Luckily for her, she is not the only freshman on Varsity. One of her close friends is also on the team with her. Marquiss does not feel the typical animosity that a lettering freshman often feels.

"I don't really feel much competition among the girls; there isn't much pressure either," Marquiss said.

Marquiss still loves dance despite the fact that she spends almost all of her free time doing it. Her favorite thing about the dance team is going to all of the competitions.

Marquiss intends to continue dancing all throughout high school on the Centralettes.

"At this point in my life, life without dance is boring because I don't know what to do without it," Marquiss said.



a little insight:

birthday: January 11, 1993

favorite color: pink

ruby or glass slippers: glass

favorite shoes: black flats

Katie Creek

Adam Brown
Jacqueline Brown

Bryon Brumm
Nichole Buff

Frankie Burchett
Adam Burke

Ryan Byrne
Grace Calderone

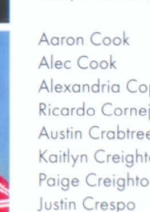
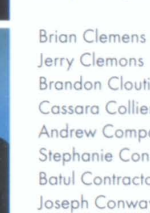
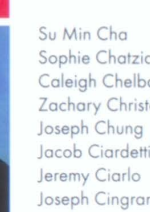
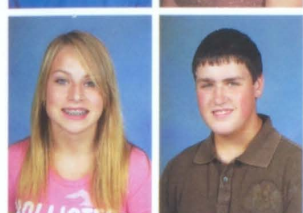
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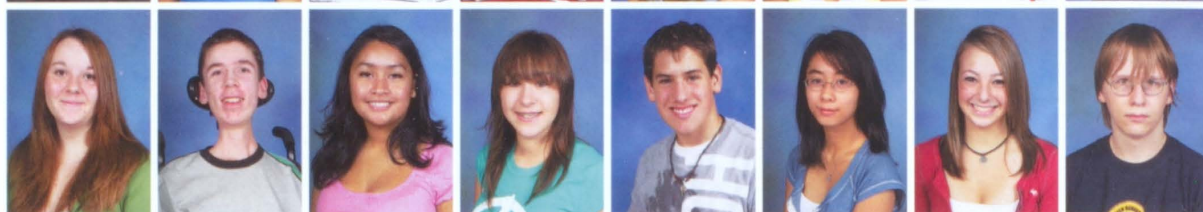
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James Davis
Dominique Dec
Anthony Delgado
Manuel Delgado, Jr.
Brianna DelSangro
Daniel Deluca



Evan Demaree
Scout Demir
Carlo Demma
Timothy DePasquale
Jordan Derrulic
Ashley DeSantiago
Ryan DeYoung
Kyle Dickelman



Brittany Dickson
Joshua Diebel
Diana Dieguez
Kathleen Dienes
Russell Dillon
Christina Dimailig
Jenna Dimopoulos
Mathew Dittmann



Robert Slevnik:

state motor cross champion



Robert Slevnik (9) has been racing motor cross since he was eight. His dad first introduced him to this sport.

But this isn't like playing catch with the old man; motor cross is a rough sport. When reminiscing about past injuries, a smug look spread across his face. Injured? Oh yeah.

"I've had a severe concussion, a dislocated knee cap, a broken collar bone, broken my wrist eight times, been knocked out for 13 hours (I was almost in a coma), broken my thumb four

times and tore my ACL in half," Slevnik said.

Did you get all that? Yep, his body's been nearly torn to shreds all for a sport. But not only does he have some mad stories about his body contorting in ways it shouldn't - he's good. He's really good.

"I'm the Indiana state champion and undefeated," Slevnik said.

As if that weren't impressive enough, he nearly never practices. He, unlike most motor crossers who have acres of open land, lives in a cul-de-sac. So the races are actually practices within themselves.

Placing so well at competitions has caught the attention of many. He has twenty sponsors, and hopes, with the school's permission, to compete in the National Championship.

a little insight:

birthday: February 16, 1993

favorite food: pasta

favorite color: red

"I'm hoping to make a career out of motor cross," Slevnik said.

With the way things are going, it looks like he's well on his way to making that a reality.

colette herald

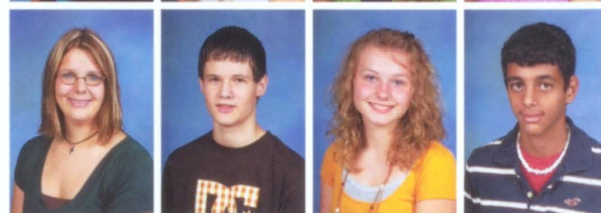
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Mena Dous



Angelica Dulin
Bradley Dunlap
Matthew Duran
Cody Dykema



Alana Eatinger
Brittany Ebeltoft
Andrew Eggebrecht
Nicholas Elizalde



"When in Rome..." Bradley Dunlap (9) said.

"Freshman year tastes like chicken," Robert Eveland (9) said.



Tyler Emery
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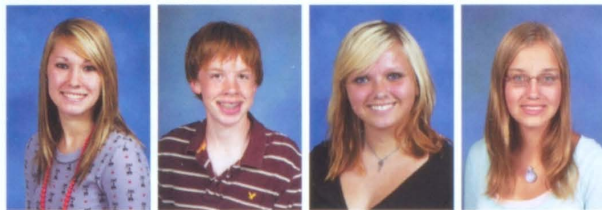
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Carly Fara



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Maxwell Faulkner
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Jacob Fehrman



Samantha Feldman
Monica Feustel
James Fife
Alexandra Filipovic



Jordan Finlon
Thomas Finnegan
Maranda Fishback
Kristen Flens



Sanela Stanic:

war survivor



Sanela Stanic (9) is 16 years old and has managed to live in more countries than most of us have ever visited.

She was born in Bosnia, but moved to Serbia because of the ongoing war. She lived in Serbia until she was five, and then moved to Croatia. At seven, war again, caused her family to move to Germany. She spent a few months in Germany before she became a permanent resident of the USA.

While war is the horrific reason she was constantly moving, it hasn't kept her from returning back to her homelands.

"I visited Serbia in the summer of 2005," Stanic said.

Most of her extended family still lives in Serbia, so she always enjoys seeing them. One day, she hopes not to just visit Serbia, but live there.

"Something's always pulling me back there," Stanic said.

Dorothy had it right; there's really no place like home.



a little insight:

birthday: October 15, 1991

favorite food: mom's ethnic food

dream job: professional

photographer

nickname: Jeja, Lela

broken bones: elbow, by running into a pole in broad daylight

Andy Flores, Jr.

Taylor Fogarty

Kelly Forbes

Alyssa Fortner

Comron Fouladi

Zachary Fowers

Cory Frank

Chad Fredman

Daniel Frevert

Ryan Frick

Caitlin Fritza

Daniel Fryfogle

Matthew Furco-Stark

Krista Gallatin

Alyssa Gallegos

Rebecca Garcia

Sarah Garcia

Michael Gard

Dana Garibay

Ashley Gasda

Amy Gasiorowski

Ellen Geisen

Zachary Geisheimer

Darian George

Kayla George

Joseph Gerling

Alexander Gidcumb

Stephanie Gilkerson

Danielle Gioiosa

Alexandria Goldman

Jeremy Golec

Anthony Gonzalez

Patrick Biancardi:

football player, wrestler, song writer

Football games, wrestling meets and writing songs are just a few ways Patrick Biancardi (9) passes his time.

He is a member of the freshman football team and the JV wrestling team. He also enjoys playing guitar, writing songs and hanging out with his friends. They like to play sports, play video games or just plain old hang out. Writing songs is something that Biancardi is intrigued by.

"It's a past time of mine. I just like to write songs and form them," Biancardi said.

He has been writing songs since about 6th grade. His main reason for writing songs was mostly because his friends were into playing music with each other. They would hang out on the weekend and just play music. He has no family members that are into writing or playing music. Instead, Biancardi's inspirations for song writing come from the music he listens to.

"I like classical rock and Bob Dylan, stuff like that. I have a weird liking for Beethoven also," Biancardi said.

"War in My Head," is a title of a song Biancardi wrote. It's about the mental hardship people go through internally.

"I have a lot of free time on my hands, so I decided to write a song," Biancardi said.

a little insight:

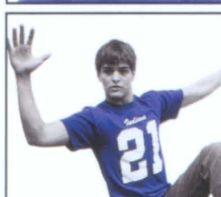
birthday: September 8, 1992

favorite food: cheese

favorite artist: Weird Al Yankovich

random fact: can growl like Chewbacca

Jenna Noel



Kyle Gorman
Lauren Graves
Valerie Grbavac



Jacob Green
Brandon Greenfield
Nicholas Griffiths



Nick Griffiths
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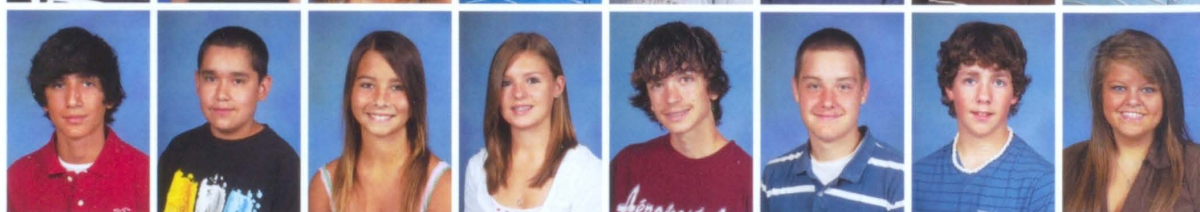
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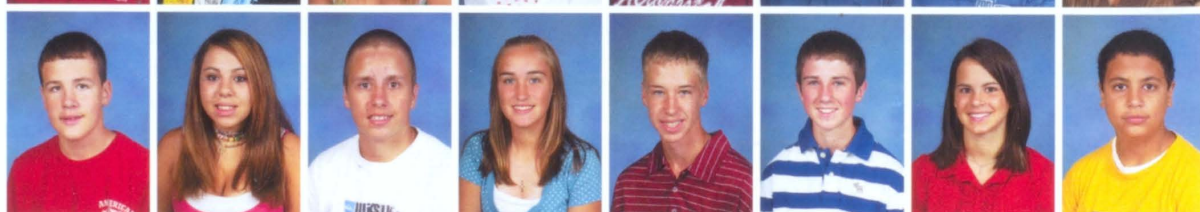
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Ryan Hebda
Joseph Hejl
Kenneth Helderman



Alexander Hernandez
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Rebecca Hernandez
Kaitlyn Herrmann
Eric Hickok
Michael Hill
Samuel Hofstra
Julie Holme



Joseph Horgash
Marissa Horta
Brian Hudi
Amanda Huesca
Nathan Huizenga
Brenden Hulett
Alyssa Ippolito
Ibraheam Ismail



"I think that being in the freshman center gets us ready to go into the high school next year," Grace Mertsching (9) said.

"I like the freshman center more than the high school because it's less crowded in the freshman center," Henry Siedentopf (9) said.



Jumana Issa
Natasha Ivanov
Jerry Jackson
Jordan Jacquez
Kaitlyn Janich
Djordje Janjus
Rodolfo Jaramillo
Daniel Jessup

Jeremy Jessup
Stevan Jevdasic
Alicia Jimenez
Mario Joffre
Brian Johnson
Nicholes Johnson
Brittany Jones
Jillian Jones

Andrew Jonquet
Jessica Jorge
Samantha Jorzak
Anna Kacius
Ashley Kahn
Michael Karas
Randi Kass
Annie Katich

Brian Kawecki
Alden Kazmierczak
Jeffery Keilman
Michelle Kelleher
Brett Kelly
Daniel Kelly
Paige Keough
Brandon Kicmal

Sara Kielbasinski
Chian Kim
Jeehyun Kim
Rebecca Kimberly
Kyle Kincaid
Amanda King
Ashley Klein
Melissa Koepl

Ryan Kogut
Marko Komazec
Justin Kookan
Joseph Kountz
Alyssa Kovich
Caitlin Kowaleski
Katie Kozy
Steven Krause

Jacob Kreighbaum
Troy Kropp
Nicole Krstulovich
Michael Kruse
Kristen Kuechle
Edmund Kulik
Glenn Kurtz
Hristijan Kuzmanovski

Cecelia Lai
Adrianna Lakich
Jordan Lane
Anthony Langland
Genoa Larcher
Arlene Lee
Ryan Lelek
Courtney Leonard

Stephen Letz
Devon Lewis
Nabil Liddawi
Daniel Litwicki
Samantha Livingston
Margaret Logan
David Lopez
Adam Loya

David Weltmeyer: stock car racer



There's nothing like getting that adrenaline rush from speeding down a race track. David Weltmeyer (9) experiences this feeling every time he races his stock car.

"My most memorable moment from racing is the first time going around the track and hearing the engine," Weltmeyer (9) said.

Weltmeyer took after his grandfather and father's hobby of racing last year. They practice at the Plymouth Indiana Speedway and the Grundy Speedway in Illinois. Although Weltmeyer has only practiced twice, he plans to start practicing every day in March after his car is finished being built. Weltmeyer and his father buy the car, take it apart, fix the body and customize it to make it their own.

Although it's a family activity for him, Weltmeyer's friends also support his racing hobby.

a little insight:

birthday: December 30, 1992
favorite food: Chinese
watches most on tv: ESPN
random fact: plays video games

Weltmeyer's favorite things about racing are the speeds and noises.

Connor LuBecke
Ian Lucas
Joseph Luecke
Michael Luff

Trayson Luna
Samantha Lunsford
Megan Lynch
Jessica Lyza

Braden Macak
Jennifer Magnabosco
Marina Magnabosco
Michael Majchrowicz

Brandon Malachowski
Michael Mamrila
Panagiota Manousopoulos
Jake Markiewicz

Brittany Marlett
Tiffany Marquiss
Corey Marsh, Jr.
Homero Martinez III



Nicholas Martinez
Taylor Martinez
Michael Matakovic
Nicholas Matthews
Jonathon Maupin
Samantha Mavraganes
Kaitlyn McCabe
Bradley McClain

Jessica McClure
Megan McCollum
Lauren McCormack
Kaitlyn McCourt
Colleen McElmurry
Matthew McGuire
Timothy McIntyre
Adam Meeker

Nicolette Mehas
Abigail Melvin
Allison Mender
Jessie Mercado
Jacqueline Mergenthaler
Grace Mertsching
Madeline Methvin
Kaitlin Mettache

Roy Meyer
Taylor Micka
Ashley Miczek
Emilie Middleton
Kayla Milcarek
Sarah Mildaas
Tabitha Millard
Adam Miller



"I've relaxed and made a lot of new friends. I'm going to miss freshman year when it's over," Chelsey Banasiak (9) said.



Christopher Miller
Brian Mills
Kayla Mills
Courtney Mirkov
Emily Mojilovich
Edward Moldenhauer
Alyssa Mollway
Cody Molnar

James Montella
Robert Moore
Andres Morales
Jordan Moran
Jessica Moreland
Kimberly Moreland
Gabriel Moreno
Neil Morgan

Christopher Mori
Kaitlyn Morris
Lauren Morrison
Michael Morsovillo, Jr.
Darius Moss
Martha Mota
Meagan Muiser
James Mullins

Christian Munoz
Christine Murzyn
Jake Musashe
Christopher Muskin
Hanein Musleh
Mohammad Musleh
Hannah Nava
Niomi Navarro

Lindsay Needham
Charlie Nicholls
Matthew Nickolaou
Julie Niemzyk

Nicholas Niezabitowski
Baleigh Nosal
Jessica Nunnery
Ellen Nutley

Stephanie Nydam
David O'Donnell
Kevin O'Loughlin
Brian Ochoa

Eric Okerstrom
Joseph Olivotto
Robert Oljace
Cara Oprea

Joseph Orzechowski
Zachary Owens
Avery Pagell
Hannah Park

Emily Small:

distant traveler



You haven't seen what the world has to offer if you've never traveled out of the country as many times as Emily Small (9) has.

Small has traveled to nine countries including Sweden, Germany, Italy, Greece, Turkey, Estonia, Russia, Norway and Denmark. Small travels to a different country every summer with her father's side of the family.

Her family stays for ten days visiting in each country. The only time they haven't traveled by plane was when they traveled on a cruise to Russia and Europe. She has many moments she'll never forget, like the time when she fell into a thorn bush riding a bike in Greece. Small enjoys trips with her family and plans to continue traveling when she's older.



a little insight:

birthday: May 20, 1993

favorite food: strawberries

favorite artist: Brad Paisley

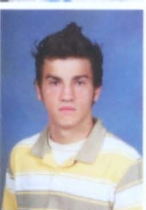
random fact: plays guitar

emily ganea

Symone Parker
Samantha Pavlakis
Justin Pavlina
Tiffany Pederson
Nicholas Pellar
Mary Pellegrini
Catrina Penna
Christopher Perez



Javier Perez
Isidora Perisic
Douglas Petersen
Miranda Peterson
Nikola Petkovich
Doug Pettersen
Justin Pfrommer
Kramer Phalen



David Picioski
Jessica Pienkowski
Anthony Pilackas
Brandon Pittman
Ashley Plaut
Kaitlyn Pleasants
Erik Plesha
Alexander Plys



Kelsey Poby
Brooke Podowski
Neil Poplon
Tamara Porter
Gerald Potempa
Thomas Prendergast
Robert Pucik
Kirsten Puent



Adam Bastie:

lazer cat

Their record is 1-12, but with the high of hopes wanting to win every game, the Lazer Cats seem to never give up.

"I've been playing on the Lazer Cats for about 3 months and there's 12 kids on the team," Adam Bastie (9) said.

The Lazer Cats are an indoor soccer team. The team has several unique qualities and one simple rule to follow.

"We're a team that is not as experienced as most teams that we play, and the only rule that we have to follow is that our shorts have to be above our knees," Bastie said.

They have an entourage that comes to every game to support the Lazer Cats, and often are wearing green to show their spirit for the team.

"We have awesome fans like: Robert Schlagel (12), Jonathan Salazar (10), Raina Zona (10) and Timothy Sokolowski (11). Those are only a few of the many," Bastie said.

Though their record is not quite up to par with the teams they play against, they still have spirit for the one and only Lazer Cats.



Adam Bastie (9)



Jonathan Sommer (10), Timothy Sokolowski (11), Nicolas Martinez (10), Robert Schlagel (12)

a little insight:

idol: Heath Kirchart

obsession: skateboarding

favorite food: tacos

favorite color: light blue

birthday: September 5, 1992

favorite baseball team: White Sox

favorite subject: gym

favorite tv show: Scrubs

favorite football team: the Bears

college of choice: Indiana University



Adam Bastie (9) the lazer cats

Jennifer Pufahl
Cesar Pulido



Christopher Pyle
Crista Pyrz



Alex Race
Christopher Radjenovich



Lisa Ramirez
Aeron Von Wyndell Ramos



Elizabeth Ramos
Jacqueline Rangel



"I like being a freshman because there's no work," Daniel Trzupek (9) said.

"I think high school is easier than what everyone said it was going to be," Anthony Pilackas (9) said.



Nikola Ratic
Samantha Rechlicz
Ryan Recupido
Zachary Rees
Shane Reinsimar
Miroslava Repak
Jesse Resendiz
David Revoir

Matthew Reynolds
Michael Reynolds
Jenna Rhoady
Marcella Ricciardi
Gianna Richardson
Jenna Richardson
Christopher Richmond
Robert Rigg

Taylor Rimmele
Jorge Rinconeno
Andrew Ritchie
Matthew Rivera
Luciana Robles
Ashley Rodgers
Brian Rodriguez
Joshua Rodriguez

Lisa Rodriguez
Paul Rodriguez
Amalia Rosu
Steven Roviario
Jacob Runyan
Ashlee Russell
James Russo
Zachary Ryba

Steven Rynne
Jonathan Salazar
Michael Sammon
Derrick Sanchez
Emily Sandefur
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Marc Sandonato
Carolyn Sandrick

Steve Sarcinella
Erica Sardella
Kristen Satkowski
Nikolina Savic
Ricardo Scartozzi
Jennifer Schafer
Matthew Schneider
Kelsie Schultz

Jonathan Schulz
Joshua Schutte
Eryn Schweiger
Ashley Scott
Sarah Scott
Megan Scruggs
Victoria Seabrook
Nicole Sebahar

Amanda Sefcik
Justin Seiber
Kara Seman
Andrew Semethy
Patrick Shanahan, Jr.
Trisha Shanahan
Devon Shaughnessy
Catherine Shaw

Jordyn Shields
Justin Shields
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Henry Siedentopf
Peter Silman
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Jennifer Sitko

Ashlee Russell:

cheerleader & gymnast



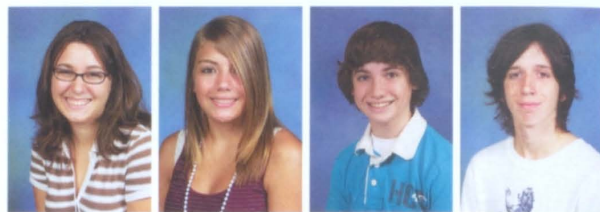
"I've been in gymnastics for eleven years. I cheered at Kahler and Lake Central on the Varsity team. We were in a circle at gymnastics,

and there was a contest on how many back tucks you could do and 'stick' them. I won and beat Meredith Gjeldum (10) because she had twelve. I would stick it and try and brace myself for another. This year I was at a cheerleading competition, and I was doing a tumbling pass, when I landed wrong and tore my ACL. I had to wobble to the last stunt. I had surgery December 19, and I'm out until next season. I'll try out next year," Ashlee Russell (9) said. *emily levin*

a little insight:

birthday: August 27, 1992 **favorite restaurant:** Red Robin
favorite color: pink **talent:** round-off back handspring full
favorite band: The Fray **favorite food:** ice cream
with \$1 million: go to Australia

Mallory Sivak
 Sorsha Skrundz
 Robert Slevnik
 Alexander Sliwa



Emily Small
 Katelin Smierciak
 Christopher Smith
 Jacob Smith



Jazzmine Smith
 Jessica Smith
 Madison Smith
 Nicholas Smith



Taylor Smith
 Kyle Snoreck
 Autumn Snow
 Teryn Solan



Samantha Sommer
 Anthony Sorensen
 Angel Soto
 Ashlyn Soy



Steven Sparks
 Ryan Sparling
 Jillian Spivak
 Joshua Spyra
 Stephanie St Amour
 Kali Stageman
 Sanela Stanic
 Ariauna Starks



Lori Stasinski
 Matthew Staton
 Sarah Stedt
 Rachel Steele
 Megan Stepanian
 Sally Stepanian
 Bradley Stevens
 Natasa Stojanovic



Alyssa Stone
 Alan Stooksbury
 Seth Strehl
 Victoria Studer
 Abby Studzinski
 Nicole Stuebe
 Rylee Sullivan
 Taylor Susnis



Kylie Sutkowski
 Katie Swallow
 Joseph Szczerbowski
 Marissa Tampuskas
 Eric Tarnowski
 Cory Tedeschi
 Christopher Tegtmeier
 Matthew Tellas



"Being here is a lot harder than my old school in Chicago," Mallory Sivak (9) said.



Robert Terry
Samantha Terry
Leah Thomas
Mary Thomas
Kaitlyn Thupvong
Dayton Tiberi
Mark Tomsovic, Jr.
Angelica Toporis



Trisha Tornincasa
Mauricio Torres
Megan Trincot
Denah Trogden
Joel Truver
Daniel Trzupek
Jordan Tulk
Joseph Turman



Ashley Turoci
Michelle Unhock
Jake Urbanczyk
Brendan Venturelli
Joseph Verrill
Arthi Vezhavendan
Ashley Villanova
Kaitlyn Wagenaar



Benjamin Wagner
Steven Wagner
Sarah Wahlen
Victoria Wallace
Breanna Walton
Bradley Wartman
Sarah Wartman
Joshua Wauchop



Mackenzie Wayco
Ashley Weiner
David Weltmeyer
Kaitlin Westlund
Kailee White
Allyson Whitehead
Alyssa Whitten
Zachary Widlowski



Alec Wilkerson
Evan Williams
Edward Willis
Carlie Wilson
Tiffany Winchell
Jordan Wise
Tyler Wise
Jeffery Wisniewski



Ashley Wojcik
Megan Wojcik
Ryan Wojtysiak
Cymone Wright
Amber Wright-Griffith
Zachary Wysocki
Steven Yarusinsky
Kyle Zaborac



Sarah Zajac
Richard Zamora
Alexa Zditosky
Lynn Zeheralis
Kimberly Zeller
Melanie Zivanovich
Nathan Zolp
Stephanie Zrnchik



Lidija Zubic
Jasmine Zumora

sophomores

Nikolina Ajder,
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 Samantha Gindl,
 Rebeka Kasper,
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 Sophia Pollalis,
 Sarah Ranieri,
 Alaina Reynolds,
 Molly Rupp,
 Michelle Sweeney



sophomores tell what they like about the year



"I like interpersonal relations because it's fun. We do a lot of cool stuff in there, and Ms. [Kathy] Szewciw, [home ec], is cool."

Marlea Maynard (10)

"My favorite thing about sophomore year is track because I like to run. I get to run with the girls from cross country."

Samantha Stewart (10)



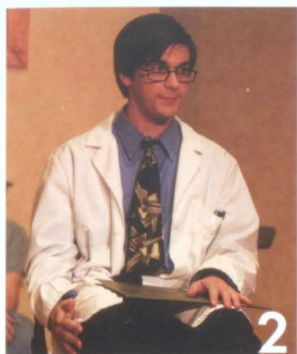
"You're not the youngest in the school anymore. You have more classes with upperclassmen, and you meet a lot of new people. I like psychology with Mrs.

[Teresa] Zentz, social studies, because she is just really crazy has a lot of weird quotes all the time."

Samantha Gindl (10)



in middle school because of the freshman center," Brooke Carnahan (10) said.

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1 Mallorie Fazio (10) and Katherine Blessing (10) make the banner for the Homecoming game. Every year each class cabinet competed to see who could make the best banner.

2 Tyler Mills (10) plays Doctor Spivey in *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*. Doctor Spivey was meeting with the patients council and Nurse Ratched.

3 Leilani Castaneda (10), Christine Miller (10) and Alexis Hoye (10) make guacamole at Spanish club. "It was fun because we got to make a lot of different foods," Hoye said.

4 Kelleigh Romba (10) demonstrates how to play poker. "I was really apprehensive about it, but after a speech or two I was okay with it," Romba said.

5 Ashley Doreski (10) prepares to take a free throw at practice. Doreski was on the JV girls basketball team.

caught in between

Kristen Sweeney

The time has come to leave the comforts of the freshman center and to move onto the high school with every other student. No longer will your classes be filled just with freshmen, but a melting pot of all grades. When you look at your schedule, you look to see when you have to take the dreaded required speech class. It's your turn to go to your first formal dance, Winter Formal. Besides getting spiffed up, it's your turn to get your license and hit the open road. You are starting to break out of the protective tween stage, and beginning to look at the world as an adult. Not too fast there though, because you're only a sophomore, stuck in the middle of everyone.

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"I can dance better and run faster now [that] I'm a sophomore. Plus, I have bigger muscles," Dylan Drever (10) said.

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Elizabeth Akers
Sarah Alaniz
Rebecca Alcott
Ryan Amos
Caitlyn Ampmeyer
Luismanuel Anaya
Angela Anco

Brianna Angarola
Andres Arellano
Mark Arie
Gabriel Armada
Alisha Aver
Kyle Babusiak
Katarina Bacso
Theothota Bairaktaris

Bryan Baker
Mariyah Balthis
Thomas Bandura
Eric Banvich
Matthew Barenie
Vincent Barker
Jennifer Barnas
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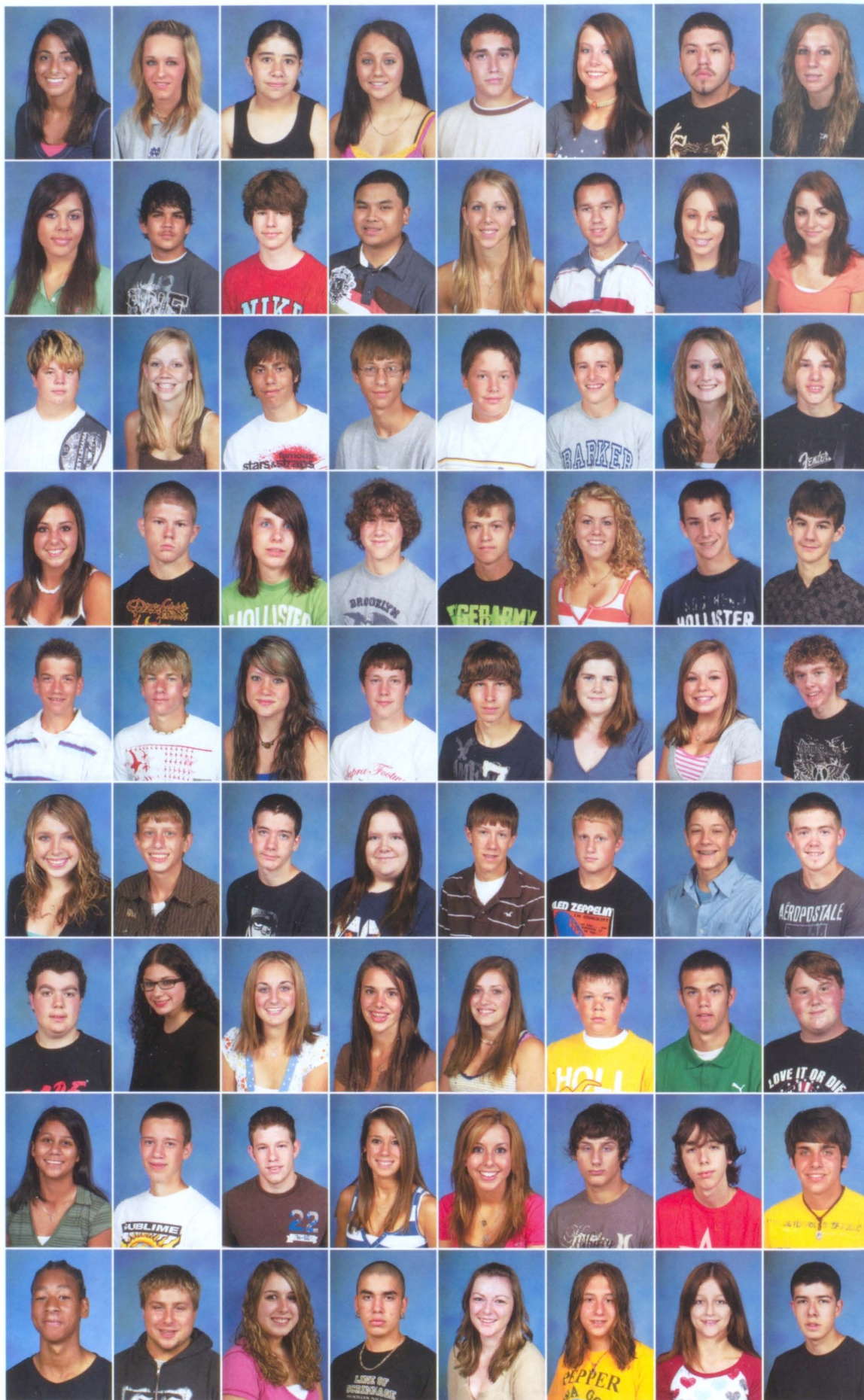
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Nick Bonifield
Sharon Bookwalter
Stephen Borkowski
Stephen Borowski
Mark Bottger
David Bougher

Constantine Boulazeris
Bianca Bova
Elise Boyd
Alyssa Boyle
Brittney Brady
Michael Brandner
Derrick Bremer
William Brennan

Ariel Bribiesca
Kevin Bridegroom
Thomas Broertjes
Celina Bronson
Heather Brook
Robert Brooks
Marc Brouillette
Richard Brown

David Brumfield II
Roger Buckner, Jr.
Megan Budimir
Tyler Buffington
Jovana Bukarica
Michael Bukent
Sabrina Burgos
Alexander Buschnyj



"Sophomore year is easier because you can focus on school, since you know people already," Brittany Johnson (10) said.

Zachary Nava:

computer constructor



Jordan Butkus



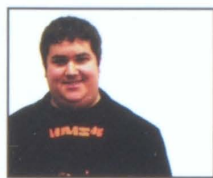
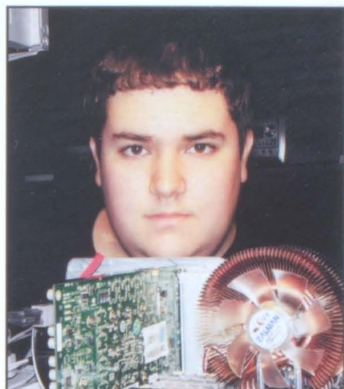
Kellie Butler



Brandon Byrd



Natalie Bzdyl



In high school, there are plenty of things to do in your free time. Several students participate in sports, fine arts and clubs in and out of school. One student has found a different kind of hobby to suit his interests.

Zachary Nava (10) built a computer between playing video games and bowling during his freshman year.

"I've been interested in doing it for a while, and I've been messing around with doing it since third grade," Nava said. "It finally got to the point where I knew enough to build one. I figured it'd be better to build it by myself, so I can do my own troubleshooting."

However, there was a considerable amount of preparation needed before Nava could embark on his project.

"You need to understand how a computer works, how parts work together and then get what you need," Nava said.

With such a huge undertaking, it is a given that there will be problems.

"I received two motherboards that were dead on arrival," Nava said.

"We sent one back, then we went to Chicago and got another motherboard, and then that one was bad, so we just used the original one. It ended up taking two weeks to build because of all the problems."

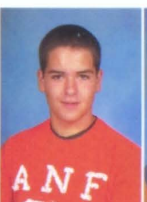
Still, through the problems, Nava said his parents were proud of him, "because they knew that I could do something like that."

Though there were problems and hard work involved, Nava felt that building a computer turned out to be a rewarding experience in the end.

"From now on, I'm just going to keep on building my own," Nava said with a smile.

Emily Hogg

a little insight:

birthday: April 20, 1992**favorite band:** Rammstein**favorite food:** pizza**hero:** my dad

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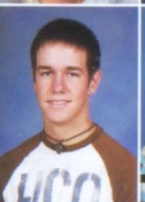
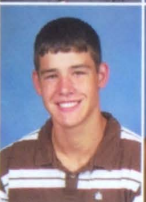
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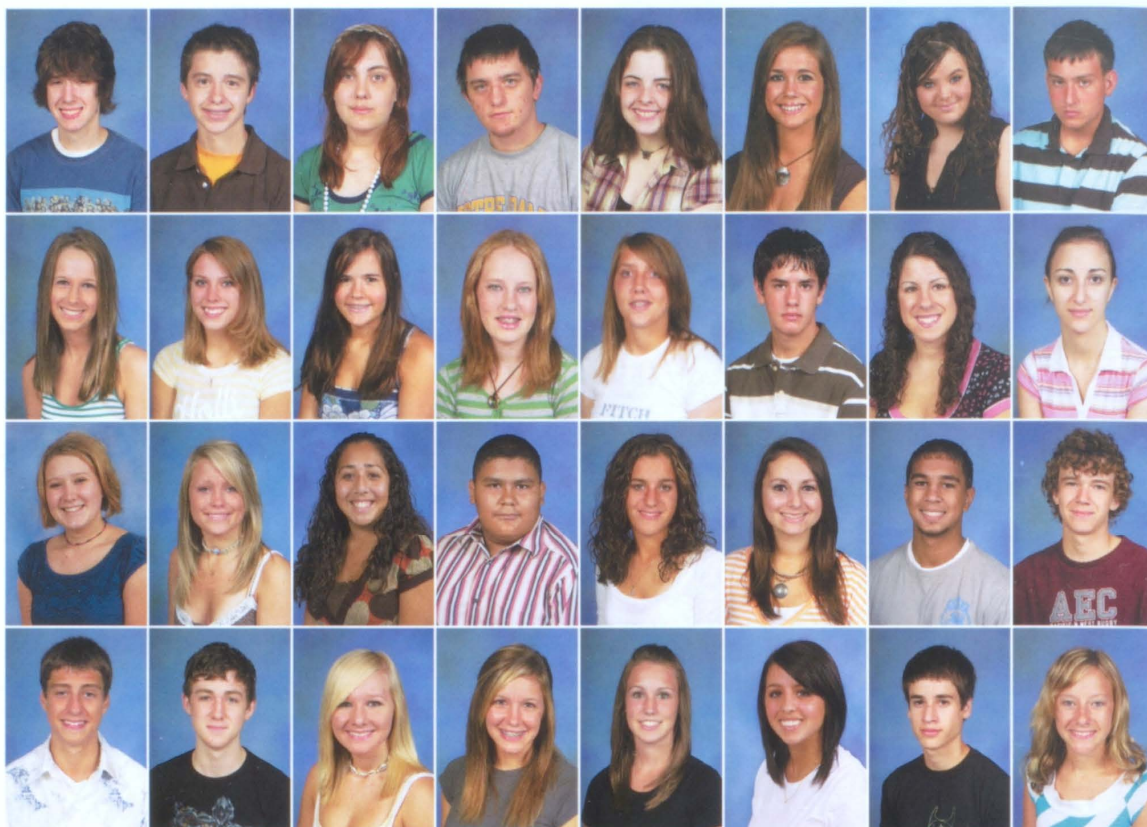
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Dylan Drever
Edward Driscoll
Katarzyna Dudzik
Megan Dunn
Danielle Durochik
Carley Eagan
Blake Early
April Echlin



Megan Larson:

ballerina



Bloody feet, sore muscles and an exhausted body: it's the life of a dedicated ballerina.

If one would ask Megan Larson (10), she would be able to describe first hand the life of a ballerina.

Larson has been dancing ballet for eight years.

Throughout those eight years, Larson has mastered the difficult act of going "en pointe".

"En pointe" is defined as the action of rising to the tips of the toes while performing graceful ballet movements.

Larson was asked to go "en pointe" when she was only thirteen years old.

While taking ballet classes at the Cedar Beach Arts Center in Cedar Lake, Larson has been inspired by her ballet teacher.

By rehearsing nearly three and a half hours a week only on ballet, Larson prepares for her dance studio's spring recital.

Next winter, Larson will prepare to perform in The Nutcracker.

a little insight:

birthday: January 18, 1992

favorite food: pineapple pizza

favorite dance move: split leap

pets you have: three cats

"I can always express myself through ballet. Whether I'm happy, angry, upset, whatever - ballet makes it seem beautiful," Larson said.

Jillian Egipciao
Jacob Egli
Javier Enriquez
Marc Escobedo

Mariana Escue
Kimberly Estray
Charles Evans
Jackson Fagan

Emily Fanno
Mallorie Fazio
Oziel Ferreira
Dominic Fidanza

Megan Fife
Kelsey Flanagan
Brianna Flores
Efrain Flores

Kayla Flores
Michael Flores
Jake Ford
Phillip Foreman



"Sophomore year has been pretty cool," Marc Radovich (10) said.



Suzanne Foreman
Nicholas Formoso
Maureen Forsythe
Erik Foster



Amanda Foy
Justin Frank
Seth Frey
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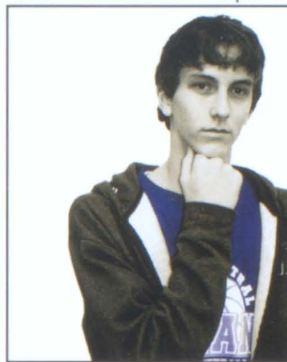


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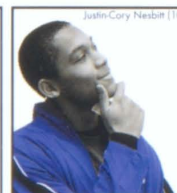
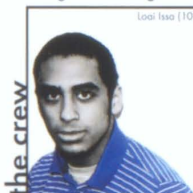
video producer & freestyle rapper



Free-style rapper? Self-video producer? Must be Leith Hobbs (10), right?

Hobbs is typically known as someone who can always make you laugh. With his goofy, free-style raps and his absolutely hilarious YouTube video talk shows, Hobbs and his crew are somewhat celebrities amongst students. Along with friends, Loai Issa (10), Jacob Harrison (10) and Justin-Cory Nesbitt (10), Hobbs creates laugh-out-loud videos and free-style raps that can be found on popular websites such as MySpace and YouTube. His most well-known

productions are his "talk-show" with Loai Issa, the "How to be Ghetto" video and his parodies of LCTV. Hobbs and his crew even have a production name. Double-L Productions has seventeen videos out on the web and is currently working on creating a freestyle rap record.



a little insight:

birthday: May 2, 1992
favorite number: 3
favorite movie: High School Musical
favorite food: orange

chicken
hero: my parents and Mr. Rainbolt
favorite cartoon: Scooby Doo

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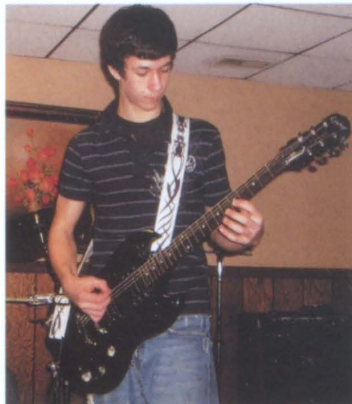
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Kara Gonzalez
Richard Gonzalez
Vanessa Gonzalez
Yazmin Gonzalez

Vaio Goulins
Chelsea Grady
Kyle Grady
Tyler Graves
Kenneth Greene
Kayla Greenwell
Anthony Griffin
Elaine Grimm

Anthony Norman:

guitarist & break-dancer



Anthony Norman (10) has several talents. Not only does he play the guitar in his band, but he can sing and break dance as well.

He spends much of his time practicing and hanging out with his friends.

"My friends are goofy but I wouldn't know what to do without them," Norman said.

Norman started playing the guitar when he was about nine years old. He was inspired by his Uncle Mike. His uncle had just bought an acoustic guitar, and let Norman pick it up and play. Norman instantly found that he had a natural ability to play the guitar.

At age ten, Norman's uncle bought him his first guitar. By the time he was fifteen he started a band with two of his best friends, Brian Mills (9) and Cristian Navarro (9). In the

band, they play hardcore and metal type music. They are presently writing songs, and hope to have enough done by March. This is when Norman and his band want to perform in a show called Garage Fest where many bands will come together for a concert.

Another one of his talents is break-dancing. He first discovered it at a family picnic five years ago. He was in a moon bounce with a family friend, who was capable of break dancing. Norman learned how to break dance in the moon bounce. Norman is a natural and has been able to dance ever since.

"It hurts my neck, but still is fun. I like to see other people break dance because usually everyone always asks me to," Norman said.

a little insight:

birthday: November 23, 1991

favorite food: Hot Fudge Sundae Poptarts

favorite artist/band: Atreyu
random fact: "I think there are ghosts in my house."

lindsey janiga

Lauren Grisham



Alyssa Grkinich



Adam Groat



Ryan Grunewald



John Gruszczak
Brittany Grzesik
Ryan Grzyb
Scott Gulbranson
Timothy Gurley
Todd Gurley
Greggory Gut
Anthony Gwiazda



Taylor Haack
Emily Haddad
Megan Halaajcsik
Michael Halloran
Megan Hammer
Brandon Hanchar
Eric Hanck
Brett Hankins



Adam Hansen
Jillian Hansen
Shelby Hansen
Stavonn Harley
Leticia Haro
Jay Harris
Magdaline Harris
Jacob Harrison



Nicholas Hartog
Joshua Hatfield
Joel Haupt
Erica Hauter
Natasha Heacock
Daniel Heath
Kristina Hemmerling
Ryan Hennessey



Kevin Herald
Laura Herman
Carlos Hernandez
Keegan Hernandez
Lisbeth Hernandez
Lyanne Herrera
Valerie Hill
Leith Hobbs



"Even though there are some harder classes, I think sophomore year is a lot more fun and easier," Christopher Lopez (10) said.

"Sophomore year is alot more challenging than freshman year was," Daina Dangerfield (10) said.



Emily Hogg
Keith Holem
Brandon Holmes
Kyle Holmes
Corey Homcho
Kyle Hon
Adriel Hooegeven
Kevin Horecky

Cara Howes
Samantha Howes
Alexis Hoyer
Julie Hryniewicz
Ryan Hunter
David Inglis
Sarah Jacobsma
Peter Janiga, Jr.

Veronica Jashenski
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Megan Larson

Steven Lasky
Bryan Lazaroff
Michelle Leeson
Anthony Lencioni
Samantha Leonard
Connor Lewis
Ian Linden
Cassandra Linz

Samantha Pazak:

cliff diver



It was a hot day in Hawaii with clear skies all around. Looking just below, there was clear water. Samantha Pazak (10) was just seven years old the first time she dove straight off a cliff and into the ocean.

"I was with my older cousins the first time I went. I just jumped after them because it looked fun," Pazak said.

They were thirty feet or so up on a cliff in Hawaii. Her first time wasn't too bad, a minor cut was all she left with and an experience to last her a lifetime.

"My mom was really scared for me, but it was awesome," Pazak said.

Hawaii isn't the only place she had dared to jump from. While vacationing in California and Italy she's jumped off other cliffs with family members. The adrenaline rush is what pulled Pazak into this interesting hobby. Although it's a fun hobby, it can be dangerous.

"If the water's rough, we don't go; we try to find safe places to jump from," Pazak said.

a little insight:

birthday: December 7, 1991

other hobbies: LC swimmer

favorite color: blue

random fact: interested in biology

Pazak plans to continue this extreme hobby with her family.

Kyle Lisek
Christopher Lopez
Dominick Lopez
Melinda Lopez

Marijo Losic
Charles Lozano
Ryan Lubert
Girolamo Lucido

Chase Ludington
Andres Luna
Mia Mabunay
Jason Macnak

Rachel Madsen
Max Majchrzak
David Makowski
Branislav Malesevic

Dane Malm
Joel Mance
Nolan Mancera
Kurtis Mardirosian



Alyssa Markiewicz
Zachary Marlett
Amelia Marmolejo
Matthew Marquiss
Rebecca Martens
Jacqueline Martinez
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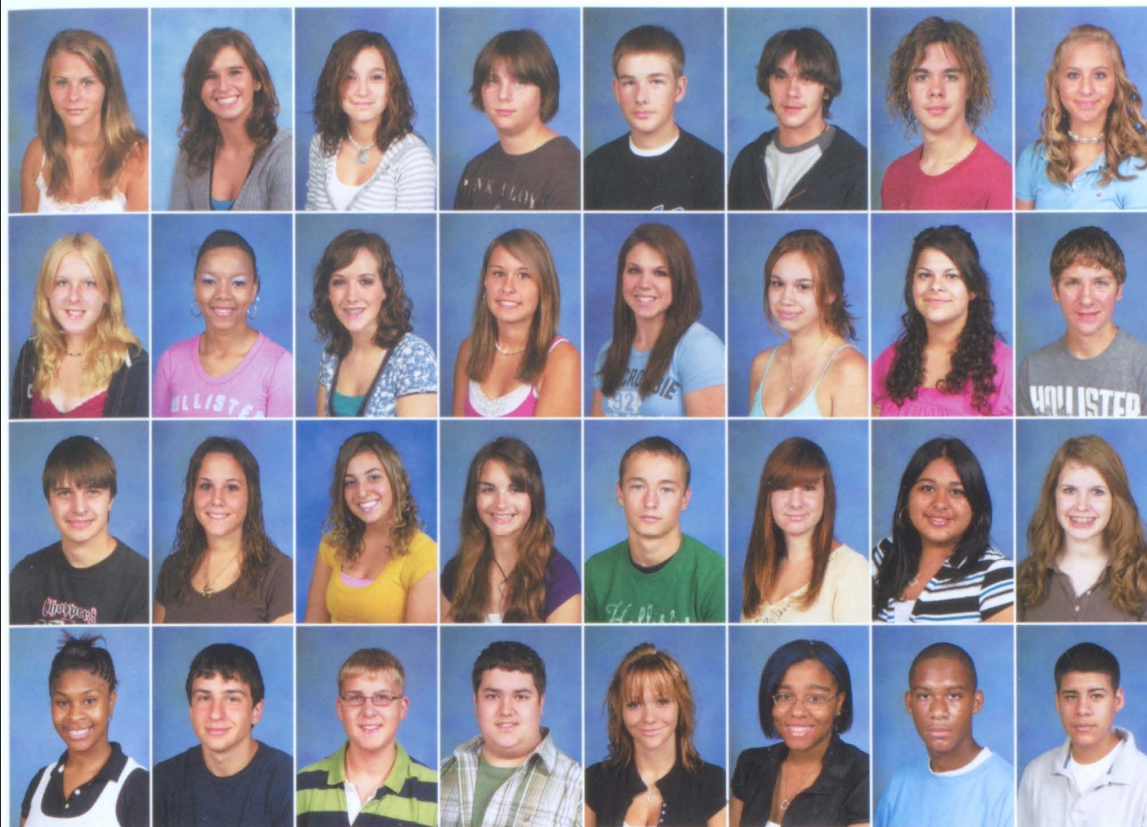
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Andrew Meinhardt
Christopher Mendez
Vincent Mendez
John Mendiola III
Richard Mendonsa
Nikolas Mikesinas



"It's [sophomore year] really fun, and I met a lot of people," Jeremiah Oelberg (10) said.

"I met a lot of people. I like being out of the freshman center because I see more people," Amanda Dermalc (10) said.



Binh Nguyen
Kevin Nguyen
Andrew Nicholl
Cyle Nicholls

Sarah Niedzwiecki
Matthew Niksic
Amy Nohos
Justin Nondorf

Gerrad Noojin
Anthony Norman
Jeffrey Nottingham
Ashley O'Connor

Kayci O'Danovich
Rory O'Day
Andrew O'Leary
Ryan O'Leary

Courtney O'Malley
Cassandra Obregon
Kegan Oldenburg
Ashley Olenik

Ashley Dorecki:

resident of a foreign city



Imagine having to sit on a flight for nineteen hours just to go "home." In Ashley Dorecki's (10) case, her family experienced this first hand.

"I first went [to Macedonia] when I was two and a half, and then I lived there for three months when I was eight or nine years old," Dorecki said.

Her whole family was with her in this beautiful foreign city. Dorecki has

family still living in Macedonia and her family owns a condominium in the city. The family lived in Skopje, the capital of Macedonia. No one in the country speaks English, so it is important to know the language. Dorecki doesn't have to worry about that, she is one hundred percent Macedonian and can speak the language.

"It's mostly farmland and animals, but the city is nice," Dorecki said.

When they lived there, Dorecki was only eight or nine, making it difficult to bond with the older teenagers of the city. Even so Macedonia offered other venues for children her age. She played soccer and other sports.

"The weather is extremely hot. When I lived there it was the summer, and it was between 97 and a 100 degrees," Dorecki said.



a little insight:

favorite color: orange

favorite music: hip-hop

birthday: December 5, 1991

hobbies: soccer, basketball and

track

Stephanie Costa

Joelle Opyt
Michael Osborn
Kyle Ovanek
Stephanie Pacheco
Alexis Palkovich
Milos Paravinja
Thomas Paschen
Deep Patel

Krupalben Patel
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Samantha Pazak
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Jose Perez, Jr.

Sergio Perez
Tylor Perry
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Shelbee Peterson
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Kyle Petre
Michael Petrungaro

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Casey Phillips
Christopher Phillips
Michelle Phillips
Jason Piercy
Andrew Pierzchalski
Thomas Pilarczyk

Zachary Piro
Kali Pittman
Tara Placier
Megan Plenus
Frank Pluskota
Sophia Pollalis
Brooke Polus
Jacob Ponton



Lindsey Prendergast

Heather Brook:

Christmas baby



Heather Brook (10) was born December 25, 1991. For her sweet 16, her parents decided to do a little bit more than just getting her clothes.

Every year, Brook and her family go to Chicago, Illinois to celebrate her birthday. They eat lunch at Macy's with their good friends, and have a good time.

On Brook's birthday, not only does she get to pick her dinner every year, she gets more attention from her family members. Her favorite food is Italian, so they went out for pasta.

When she and her family were in the car on the way home from her family's house, Brook was not expecting to see anything out of the norm in her garage.

"We were driving home from my

family's house, and when we went to pull in the garage, Hannah and Hayley Butcher (11) popped out of the trunk of my new car. All of my family and neighbors were there when I arrived. I was shocked and surprised at the same time. I did not know who to hug first. I couldn't believe my eyes. I took my 2006 Black Honda Accord for a test drive. This year, my family got me gas cards that I could use," Brook said.

But the sweetest gift was what her niece got her for her birthday.

"My niece, Madison, gave me a key chain to put my keys on. Now whenever I pick up my keys, I always think about her. It was definitely my favorite birthday gift," Brook said.

Lana Kaptur



a little insight:

with \$1 million: "Shop, buy a car and save the rest."

favorite food: pasta

favorite artist: John Mayer

random fact: trips a lot

Korinna Prince

Zachary Propper

Vincent Pucci



"If I could meet anyone, I would want to meet Dr. Seuss," Alyssa Skarbak (10) said.

"I hope that this year in bowling we can do what we did last year again by winning state," Alexandra Quilici (10) said.



Michael Pupillo
Eva Purnick
Alexandra Quilici
Charles Quinn
Ryan Quinn
Britiana Quintero
Brandon Race
Barbara Racich

John Racine
Matthew Radencic
Michael Radjenovic
Marc Radovich
James Rainbolt
Jessica Ramirez
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Emilio Rodriguez

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Kristina Schafer
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Jared Schreiber
Alexandria Schultz
Kyle Sepanski
Courtney Severin
Katie Sexton

Matthew Shultz
Stephanie Shupryt
Katherine Sicinski
Nicholas Silva
Joshua Singel
Alyssa Skarbek
Mark Sknerski
Katherine Skura

Caitlyn Amptmeyer:

19 holes-in-one



Caitlyn Amptmeyer (10) has eight piercings on each ear, along with one in her tongue, belly button and her nose. She got her ears pierced first in second grade.



"Once you get your first piercing, you want another," Amptmeyer said. "They become addicting, you keep wanting to get more."

Recently, Amptmeyer got her first tattoo, a peace sign on the side of her stomach.

"I'm taking a break from getting more piercings, I just want more tattoos, just not my entire body," Amptmeyer said.

a little insight:

future job: pharmacist

favorite artist: J. Holiday

birthday: September 4, 1991

3 words to describe

yourself: outgoing,

friendly, adventurous

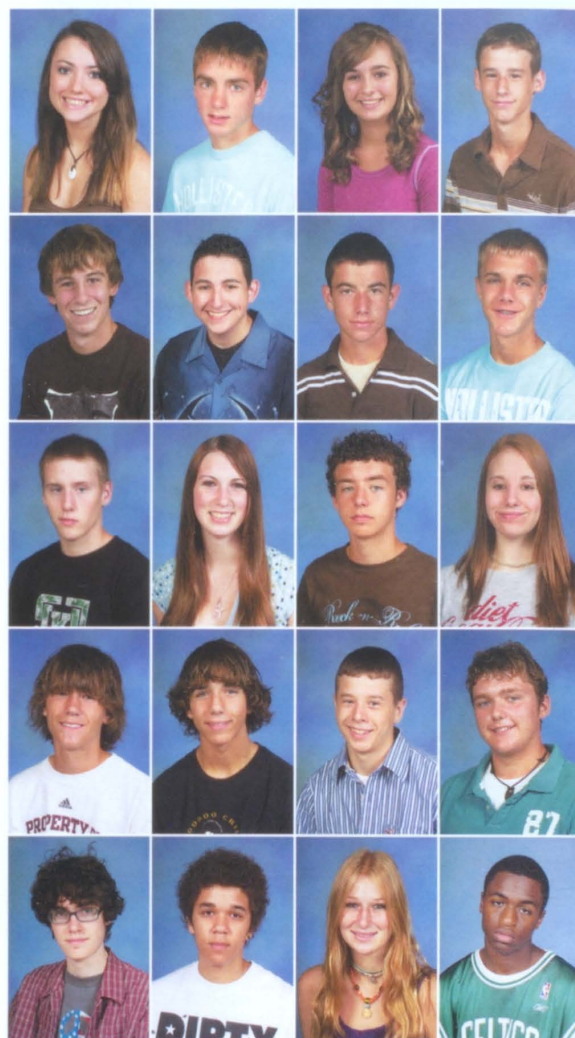
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Dalton Tussey
Fabian Urquiza
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Thomas Van Curen



"I like to shop a lot, even if I'm not going to buy anything," Demitria Garibay (10) said.

"I like to play tennis, and I work at my job, Storybook Parties," Erica Yothment (10) said.



Austin Van Haitma
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Kasey Wade
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Ryan Walker



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Kathryn Warner
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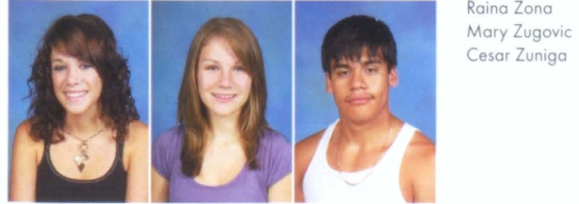
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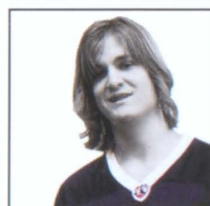
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Cesar Zuniga

Eric Hanck:

cubs fanatic



During Eric Hanck's (10) summer vacation, he follows the Cubs team. He has been to Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Missouri and Wisconsin, and has followed the team for five years now. A memorable moment was when the Cubs and the Braves were playing, and Lou Pinella threw his hat on the ground and started



screaming at the umpire.

"It was the best seeing it live because you see the action right in front of you," Hanck said.

Eric plans to take a road trip with his friends, and follow the Cubs next summer, too.

a little insight:

favorite hobby: bowling
favorite ice cream:
strawberry

birthday: March 20,
1991
nickname: Moppy

tiffany pavlovic

"I guess this is the most important year. It's a little challenging. It's good for preparing for next year and college," Kevin Wojcik (11) said.

juniors

class cabinet members

Allyssa Martinez, Britni Weiner, Kaysee Cresslak, Alyssa Kowaleski, Heather Kwiecinski, Lorena Larios, Alyssa Goodfriend, Brienne Gaigas, Brittany Marshall, Kristy Swets, Alyssa Gercken, Kaitlynn Dougherty, Patricia Martin, Diana Stuebe, Melissa Litwicki, Kimberley Kovacic, Jennifer Severin, Lauren Troester, Amy Mitziga, Lindsay Jurek, Lauren DeYoung, Vivien Schremp, Lindsey Janiga, Stephanie Collins, Jessica Dobson, Stacy Sobek, Thomas Plummer, Angelica Speese, Caitlin Godoy, Patrick Lewis, Ashley Evans, Kimberlee Koebler, Kristin Greenwood, Amanda Welch, Jessica Hearne, Amanda Pyrz, Jessica Studniarz, Monika Patel, Brooke Burczyk, Rachel Cerwinske, Anna Mangiaracina, Angela Gallagher, Alyssa Rotoneli, Paulina Kounelis, Stevan Tomich II, Kristin Malek, Carly McCall, Emily Ganza, Shayna Schultz, Lauren Ross, Megan Matura, Amy McRam, Panagiota Doukas, Emily LeVin, Tara McElmurry, Talisa Soto, Shloka Kini, Jamie Huisenga, Jenny Kranc, Amanda Webb, Kara Adamczewski, Susan Abassi



juniors share how they feel about their second to last year

in depth



"Junior [year] was hard, but I'm looking forward to next year because I got all my hard classes out of the way."

Jamie Huisenga (11)

"I'm looking forward to getting ready for college. I've got to apply for scholarships. I'll be looking around at colleges and taking road trips."

Alexander Pavlakis (11)



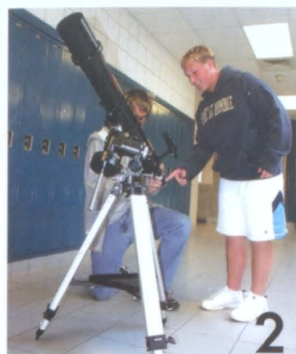
"I've always heard that junior year is your most important and hardest year, and it turned out to be true. There's a lot more projects and homework, getting ready for college, applying for scholarships and taking the SAT's.

It's stressful because you know that this is the year the colleges are going to be looking at."

Alyssa Ford (11)



"Junior year is a challenge. It brought more responsibility and bigger challenges, but when it's all done, I'll be better prepared for college,"



1 Shayna Schultz (11) peeks into her box of fund raising candy for junior class cabinet. They sold candy to raise money for prom.

2 Brandon Hyzy (11) checks out a telescope in Astronomy Club. "My favorite part is going out with a bunch of people to look at the stars and have a good time," Hyzy said.

3 Bradley Zditosky completes a lab in chemistry class. "I like [chemistry]. I learn a lot. I like chemistry more because it's more interactive," Zditosky said.

4 Students in Mr. Brian Szalonek's first hour U.S. History class dress up in Civil War costumes. "Mr. Z." uses the old clothes to help students learn.

5 Britni Weiner (11) uses her people skills in an interview for LCTV. This was Weiner's first year on staff.

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tough it out

We're almost there! It's the year before the last year of being stuck in the mundane routines of our high school lives. As we prepare to take this last step, we realize that junior year isn't something to be taken lightly. This is the year that colleges scrutinize. Under this stressful microscope we have to continue learning all we can, while maturing as we are looked upon as young adults. The SAT's and ACT's bear down on us, and we begin to visit potential colleges. Our future dreams are coming closer for us to grasp, and the pressure is on. Somewhere between studying for U.S. History and going to Winter Formal, we find the time to just be us, juniors itching to catch a case of senioritis.

"Junior year is hard, and there is too much homework," Victor Rojas (11) said.

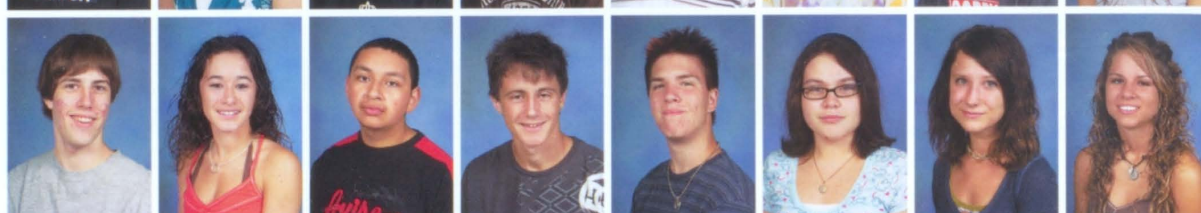
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"Junior year has been the most stressful year of high school so far," Kristin Malek (11) said.

Natalie Valesano:

photos contributed by: Natalie Valesano (11)

aspiring photographer

"I love photography because it gives me a way to express how I'm feeling through pictures. Photos capture a moment of your lifetime that you want

to remember, and I think that's tight. Music and magazines definitely help inspire what I want to take pictures of," Natalie Valesano (11) said.



Natalie Valesano (11)

a little insight:

dream profession: photographer

favorite song: "Here Comes the Sun"

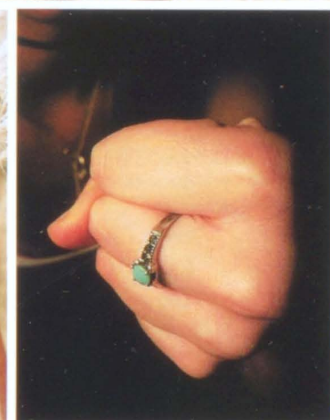
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future college: Art Institute of Charlotte

hobbies: chillin', drinking coffee and art

favorite subject: ceramics

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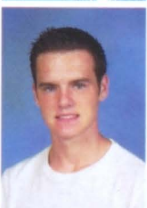
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Christopher Einterz



Joseph Martinez:

ranidaphobic



We all have our fears, and Joseph Martinez (11) has a strange one; he is afraid of frogs.

"I was in eighth grade when I had my horrific experience with a frog, and ever since then I have been terrified of frogs," Martinez said.

Bad experiences are common catalysts of phobias. Martinez has been afraid of frogs for three years. It's not fake frogs though, only real ones.

"Everything about a frog is scary from the slimy skin to the long tongues," Martinez said.

a little insight:

birthday: December 1, 1990

favorite food: cheese pizza

favorite artist/band: N'SYNC

random fact: broke his wrist playing dodge ball

The real word for Martinez's fear is called Ranidaphobia, unlike Batrachophobia, where one is afraid of all amphibians.

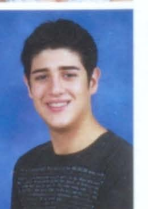
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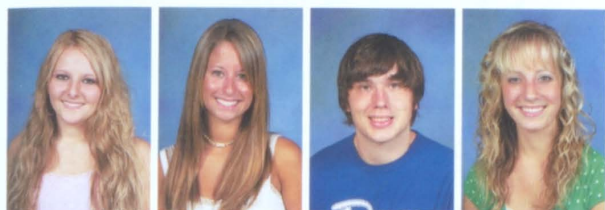
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"I think that junior year is as hard as everyone said it would be; they definitely were not lying," Elizabeth Coutroubis (11) said.



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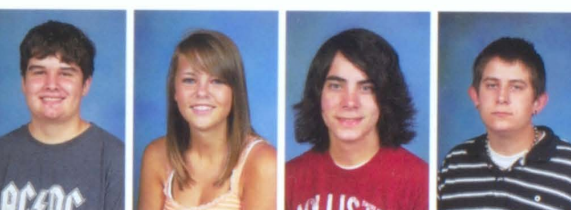
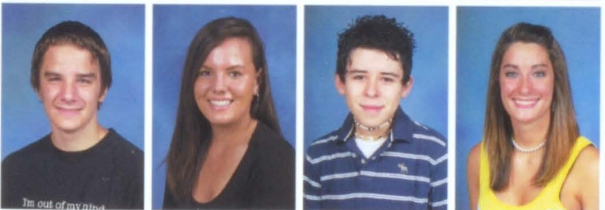
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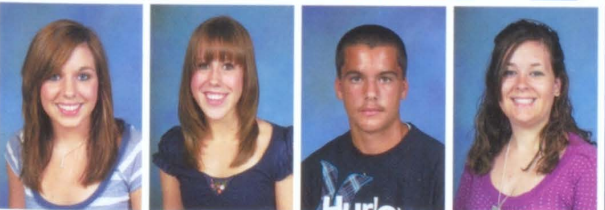
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Brian Heuss
Kaitlin Hodges

Ariel LeMatty:

aspiring tattoo artist



"I want to be a tattoo artist, because I can give somebody art work that they will have for the rest of their lives," Ariel

LeMatty (11) said.

LeMatty has a passion for art, and tattoos is one way of expressing herself.

"Tattoos make people unique, and I like to stand out," LeMatty said.

Her lifestyle is one reason why she is influenced so much by tattoos.

"I am into the hardcore/rock music scene, and most of them are heavily tattooed," LeMatty said.

Many of her friends have tattoos as well; such as Brooke Brady (11), Emilio Rodriguez (11) and Matthew Sokol (11).

"I'm fully ready to put all my time, effort and thought into becoming a tattoo artist, since it's something that I'm very passionate about," LeMatty said.



a little insight:

birthday: August 6, 1991

favorite color: blue

favorite holiday: Thanksgiving

random fact: has a second life in Iowa

Vivien Schremp

Hayley Butcher:

aspiring olympic athlete

When in high school, teenagers spend most of their free time hanging out with friends and doing large amounts of homework that is assigned daily. But when talking about Hayley Butcher (11), it's a completely different story.

Butcher spends 19 hours a week practicing, hoping one day to reach her full potential and make her dreams realities. Dedication like this is the result of doing something she truly loves, something that she has a passion for. Her passion: gymnastics. For the past thirteen years, Butcher has been honing her skills as a gymnast.

"Ever since I was little, I kept practicing. Then, when a competition came around, I competed; only top girls got points. Judges look and invite top girls to other competitions," Butcher said.

Butcher has her eyes focused on the 2012 Olympics. Butcher's previous accomplishments speak for themselves, and they more than qualify her to compete in the Olympics.

Butcher has been all around the world to compete, and the list just continues to grow. Previous competitions have been held in Colorado, Florida, Las Vegas, Canada, the Olympic training center in Alabama and even Amsterdam.

"It's a good experience traveling and getting to see so many people and meeting so many other people from around the world," Butcher said.

Butcher's Syncro Trampoline partner is from Hawaii, and she is just one of the many people that Butcher has met along the way.

With the Olympics in sight, no one is stopping Butcher; her future looks bright.



a little insight:

birthday: May 9, 1991

favorite season: summer

lucky charm: Lexi Kuersten (11)

disney movie: Shrek

LAMANDA WELCH

Colin Hoernig



Patrick Hoernig



Heather Hofer



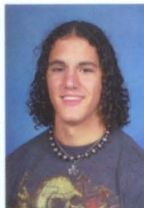
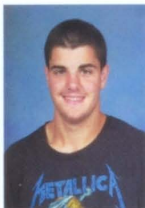
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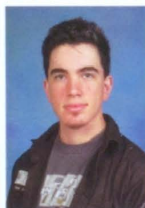
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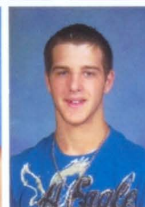
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"Everything is funny, as long as it is happening to someone else," Neil Koricnac (11) said.

"We live, we love, we forgive and never give up," Rebecca Koslow (11) said.



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Panagiota Doukas:

young leader



"When Mr. [Tom] Clark nominated me to attend Senator Lugar's Symposium for Young Leaders, I had never heard of it. I went with Shloka Kini (11) to the University of Indianapolis. We were able to choose topics that we wanted to hear experts talk about. I chose media responsibility and global warming.

The lecture and discussion transcended the obvious facts about these topics. Everyone shook Senator Lugar's hand and took pictures. We also got fruit of the loom T-shirts, and they provided us with lunch. I really respect the senator for holding this free symposium. The school should inform next year's juniors about the symposium because our school is supposed to send two students. I never knew about it, and it has been going on for thirty years. It was an interesting experience," Panagiota Doukas (11) said.

a little insight:

favorite place: countryside in Greece

favorite food: Snickers ice cream

favorite class: AP English

best trait: mesmerizing eyes

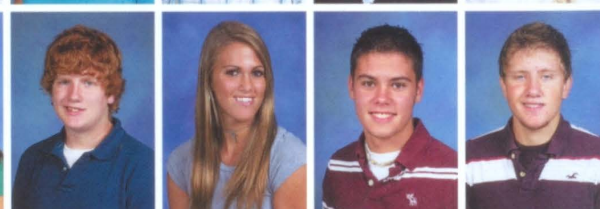
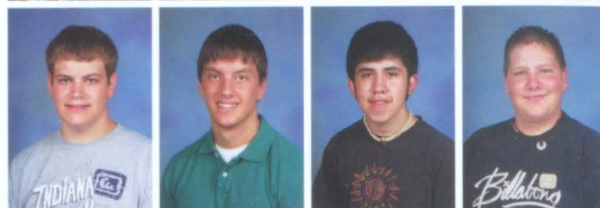
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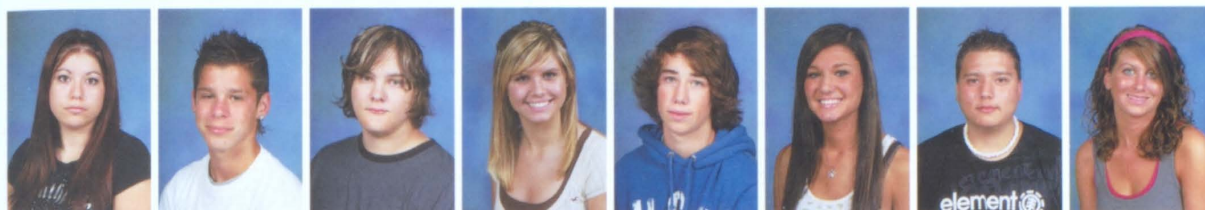
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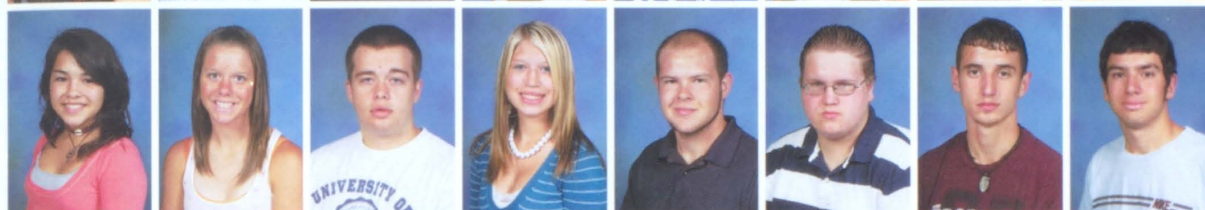


"I went out of the country to Mexico over winter break," Hayley Schwartzman (11) said.

"I tried to get better grades to get into college," Vanessa Voss (11) said.



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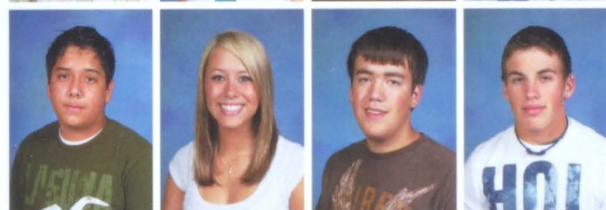
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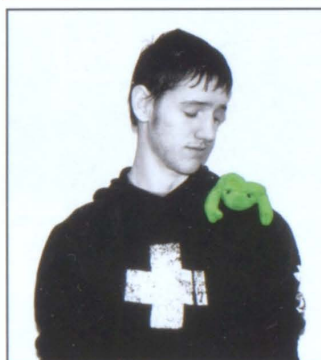


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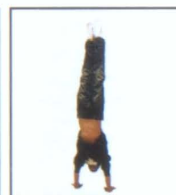
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Kyle Pratt: cheerleader & gymnast



"I started gymnastics in third grade, and I started cheering last year. I'm on the senior team for Kentucky Elite. There's a lot more guys involved in cheerleading than you'd think. I tumble one day a week, and I go down to Lexington, Kentucky most weekends for

a two day practice. It's a five hour drive, so I just stay the weekend. I'm really dedicated, and at times I have to leave school early for competitions. For guys, it's really easy to get scholarships through cheerleading, so I plan to continue through college," Kyle Pratt (11) said.



a little insight:

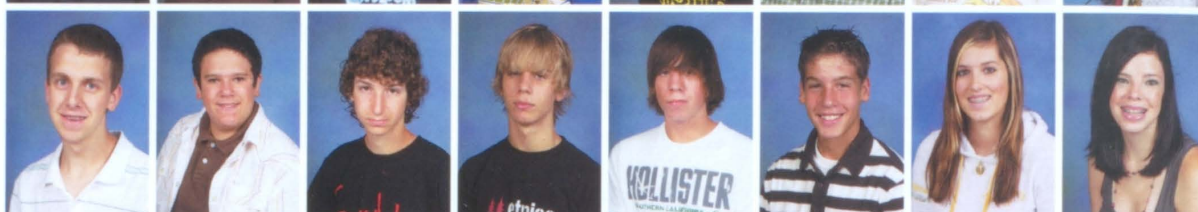
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best memory: horseback riding
favorite color: blue
dream college: ivy league

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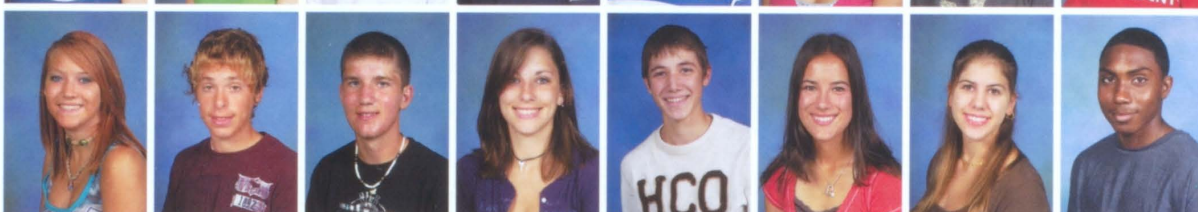
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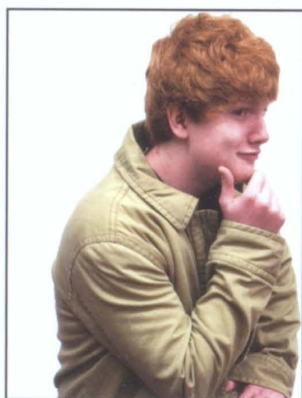


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Patrick Robinson, Jr.



Austin Meyer:

redheaded video producer



Two percent of the population is a very small amount, and that happens to be the percentage of redheads in the United States. Austin Meyer

(11) is one of them. Meyer prides himself on being part of such a distinctly small group, and believes it to be a blessing and gift.

When one looks at Meyer, he is just thought to be a regular kid living a regular life. But once someone examines what he does exactly, they come to the realization the amazing and extraordinary kid that he really is.

"My friends and I make short films for fun. They're short, but people still seem to love them," Meyer said.

Meyer spends a lot of time making movies with some of his friends. Meyer, Joseph O'Rourke (11), Matthew Cashen (11) and Michael Peddycord (11) created JAMM Productions, a low budget video production team. In their free time, the four teens create

short skits that they post online to spread JAMM fever across the internet.

"I also used to play semi-professional paintball. I played on the sister team of Chicago Evil Factory," Meyer said

It took only two years for Meyer to reach the semi-professional level, and it normally takes six to seven years to reach that level. Meyer has since retired from paintballing. Along with paintballing, music has also caught Meyer's interest.

"Music is a big part of my life. I've been playing the drums for over six years. I'm looking to join another band in the near future," he said.

Meyer is happy with the way his production team has been working, and he hopes to continue working with his JAMM production crew to produce more movies.

a little insight:

birthday: July 22, 1990

favorite food: corned beef

favorite band: Flogging Molly

random fact: I'm a redhead.

Chris eIntere

Clayton Rodgers



Ryan Rodriguez



Nathan Rohrbacher



Victor Rojas



Stephen Roldan



"Junior year has been a lot of fun, but I can't wait to be a senior," Amrao Chhokar (11) said.



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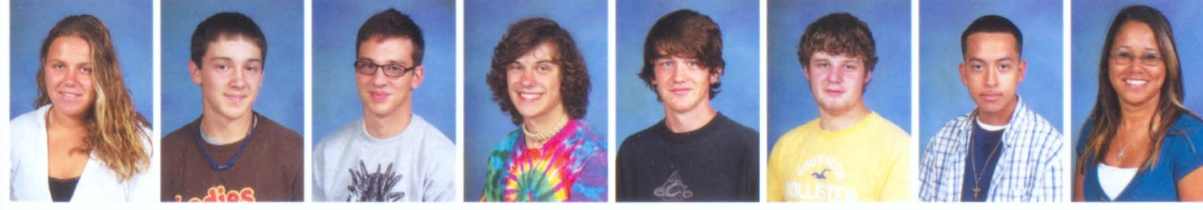
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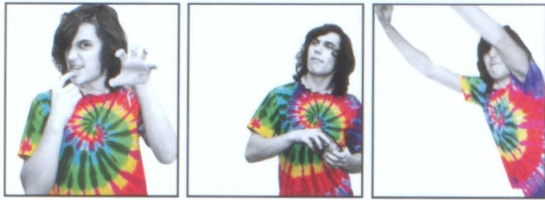
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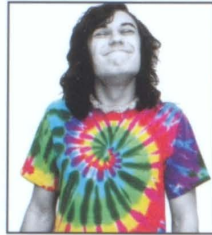
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Timothy Sokolowski:

one of a kind



Timothy Sokolowski (11) is truly one of a kind. He is a Lazer Cats superfan, obsessed with the Beatles and can make really cool clicking noises with his tongue. He has been dating his girlfriend, Brandie Davis (11), for two years now. It seems everything Sokolowski does has a bit of originality to it.



"Freshman year my friends and I watched all six Star Wars movies in one day," Sokolowski said.

Sokolowski has also been working at Bo's Hotdogs since September 20, 2006, about a year and a half ago.

"I like working at Bo's Hotdogs a lot. It's fun, the people I work with are fun. I work with a lot of my friends. You get free food every single day," Sokolowski said.

Sokolowski works with his friends Richard Reasons (10) and Katelyn Thompson (12).

a little insight:

birthday: March 30, 1999 at 12:37 a.m.
buy with \$5: as much

Shasta Tiki punch as I could
hero: John Lennon

Laubree Adams

Amanda Souronis
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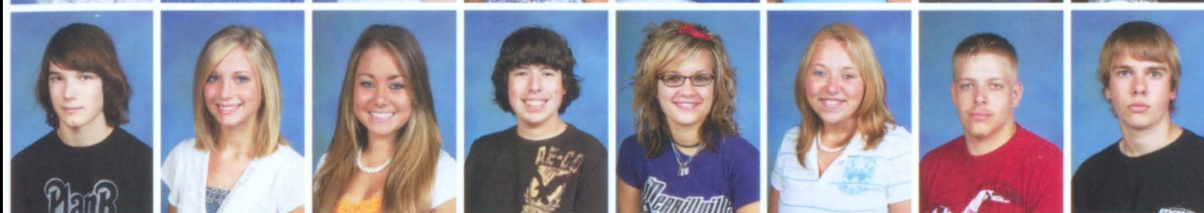
"It's really hard and stressful because you're preparing for senior year," Carly McCall (11) said.



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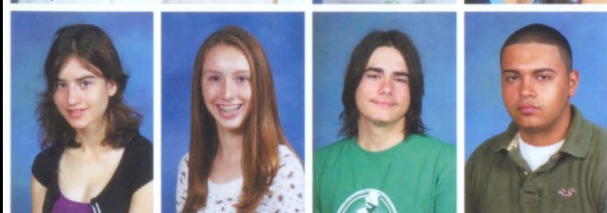
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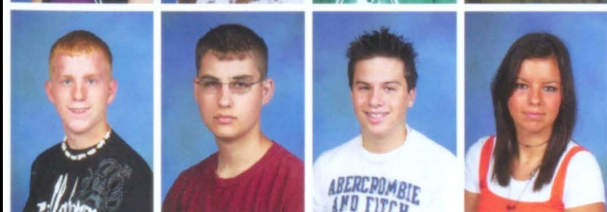
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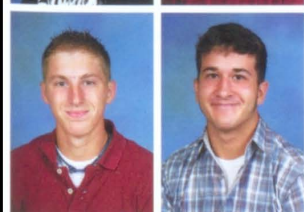
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Patrick Fritz: a

liu-litsu fighter



Trying something new, Patrick Fritz (11) began learning Jiu-Jitsu when he was 15 years old.

But this isn't like wrestling with your brothers in the living room. Real injuries can happen. Luckily for Fritz he has only suffered small injuries up until now which include

a broken toe and an injured shoulder. How exactly does someone begin something like Jiu-Jitsu though?

"I was bored, and I was just trying to find something to do, at first I wanted to do Tai boxing, and then I found a place that was more geared towards me," Fritz said.

Fritz goes to Corral Martial Arts in Triple A Plaza in Schererville. In his matches he has a record of 13-1.

Fritz enjoys Jiu-Jitsu and hopes to continue it in the future. Hmm, maybe we have a new Chuck Norris on our hands.

a little insight:

something to know:
"I'm always optimistic, always have an unusual amount of confidence in everything I do, always

happy and always find something good about everything."
birthday: November 21, 1990

seniors

class cabinet members

Jeffrey Riddle,
Hannah Kimberly,
Molly Sammon,
Christine Natarelli,
Kristen Odijk,
Lissette Martinez,
Tara Davis,
WonMi Yoo,
Karen Burgos,
Kristen Sweeney,
Erika Aldape,
Jennifer Kelleher,
Stacy Nawrocki,
Shruti Sharma,
Amy Buckman,
Robert Kwiecinski,
Alexandria Mele,
Jana Kovich,
Emily Bohn,
Bailey McFarland,
Jennifer Evora,
Krysta Arnold,
Amanda Crothers,
Sophia Bairaktaris,
Ashley King,
Amy-Nicole Dosen,
Bionca Zamora,
Courtney Cook,
Marko Lazic,
Katie Kirchhoff,
Nicole Moon,
Angela Youngs



Jeffrey Riddle (12)
co-president



Krysta Arnold (12)
co-president



Tara Davis (12)
vice president



Karen Burgos (12)
secretary

what makes you different?

out of the mold



"I stand out because I'm the only person I know that wants to be a mathematician, and I want to go to Purdue."

Scott Kamber (12)

"I've been riding horses for rodeos for seven years, and I love doing it and hope to be a veterinarian one day."

Jacky Weller (12)

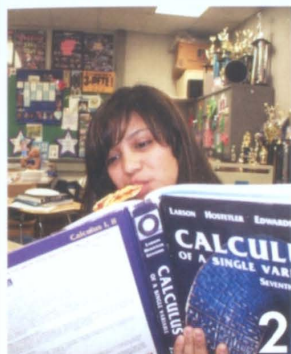


"What makes me different is that I'm part of the 'Nettles' and all of my friends are 'Shneeb's', and I am also different because I am never mean to anyone, ever. I am the nicest person you'll ever meet!"

Jessica Bathurst (12)



"[Senior year] is so much fun, but it's going by way too fast. I'm going to miss everyone when we go to college," Lauren Petersen (12) said.



1 Jennifer Kelleher (12), WonMi Yoo (12), and Courtney Cook (12) make posters at class cabinet for the Matt Wesley Benefit Dance. The dance was on December 14, 2007.

2 Lissette Martinez (12) eats pizza and studies during her Calculus holiday party. They had pizza makers to make fresh pizza and played games.

3 Austin Macak (12) runs the ball during the championship Sectional game against Merrillville. Macak was one of the starting defensive backs.

4 Joseph Damron (12) faces off against a Lowell competitor at the Al Smith Classic in Mishawaka. Damron was in the 152 weight class and has lettered all four years of high school.

5 Christopher Watson (12) looks at a mechanism showing how a dollar bill is made. The economics classes took a field trip to the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and The Chicago Board of Trade.

stepping out

Twelve years, and it all comes down to this. That final year. The year that will top all of the others. Privileges that you have spent years waiting for finally become available. You get the first pick of parking spaces, a banquet thrown in your honor and at the end of the year, you get to walk off the Star Plaza stage, diploma in hand, ready to take on the world. You struggle through college applications and anxiously await the acceptance letters, and soon the horror of senioritis starts to take its toll. Yet, these memories and events, no matter how big or how small, are what make senior year the unforgettable experience that it is.

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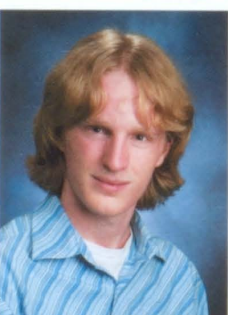
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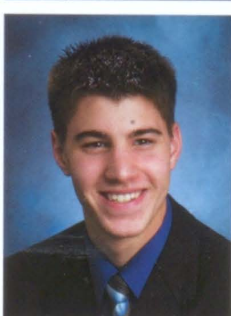
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Samuel Basler
Jessica Bathurst
Michael Beecher
Alexander Belligio
Marie Bellis



"Senior year was not what I expected," Megan Specyal (12) said.

"I have a bad case of senioritis; I can't wait until graduation," Mallory Rangel (12) said.

Karissa Inglis:

one of kind player

Whether it is moving half way across the country to a place where you don't know anyone or playing softball on two teams year round, Karissa Inglis (12) has had an eventful life. In July of 2006 Inglis did something very brave and moved from Virginia to Indiana the summer before her junior year.

"[Moving to Indiana] was the hardest thing I've ever done because I had to leave all my friends behind," Inglis said.

Since moving to Indiana, Inglis has started to play on both the varsity softball team and also the Illinois Angels traveling softball team.

"[Softball] is all I do. It is my life. I play all year round," Inglis said.

Since Inglis was a child, she realized that there was something different about her. Inglis's right hand knuckles never grew, and her hand is substantially shorter than her left hand.

"I am able to function. It's a part of my life. It's been like that since I was a

"[Softball] is all I do. It is my life. I play all year round,

Karissa Inglis said.

baby," Inglis said.

Thankfully, her hand has never been a burden to her when she plays softball. Since Inglis is left-handed, she catches with her right hand and throws with her left hand.

"If I wasn't left-handed, I probably wouldn't have been able to do things I do today," Inglis said.

Moving to Indiana and changing high schools, softball teams and finding new friends has changed Inglis's outlook on life.

"Moving has changed my personality completely. I am definitely more outgoing now than I have ever been. It has changed my comfort zone," Inglis said.



a little insight:

3 words to describe yourself: athletic, intelligent and funny
favorite food: Mexican

hero: my mom
dream job: chemical engineering
obsession: softball

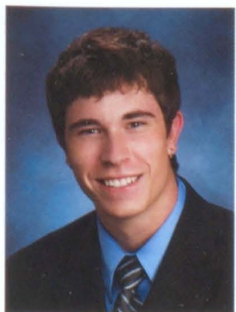
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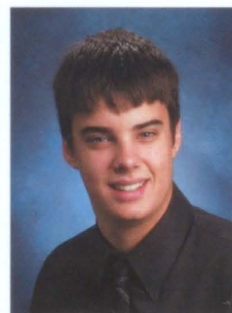
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Cameron Cornet



Molly Cornwell
Jessica Cottrell
Samantha Crnokrak
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"Senior year isn't that fun, but I can't wait for the senior ditch days," Harry Blaundin (12) said.

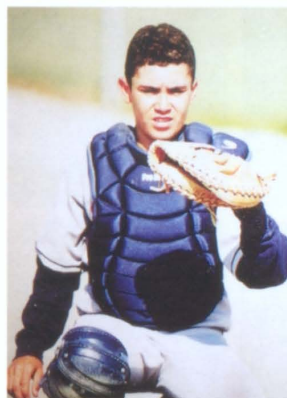
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"It's not the years in your life that count, it's the life in your years," Kelly Borgia (12) said.



Joshua Santiago:

speed demon



"I remember playing t-ball in Illinois when I was nine. I was playing good that year. All the older coaches wanted me on their teams when I got to be older," Josh Santiago (12) said.

"I was the clean up hitter in t-ball,"

Joshua Santiago said.

Josh has been playing baseball for nine years. He has also been pitching for seven. He can, and has, played utility positions or catcher. He's been playing on Varsity baseball for two years, and in the summer played for Post 168.

Being one of the pitchers on Varsity, Josh has clocked in throwing a baseball 88 MPH.

"My favorite baseball memory was when I was twelve, and I tried out for Indiana All Stars. We went to nationals in St. Louis. We placed 9th. I hit the cycle and threw out four kids while catching. I was the clean-up hitter, too," Josh said.

When he's not playing baseball, you can find him playing basketball, racket ball or ping pong.



a little insight:

with \$1 million: buy a car for Nate [Whitaker (12)] & me
favorite food: steak quesadilla
hero: the American Gladiators

Nathan Whitaker:

fisherman

a little insight:

with \$1 million: buy a house for Josh [Santiago (12)] & me in Tennessee
favorite food: sushi
hero: Seth Rogen from Knocked Up
dream job: own my own company
obsession: my quad



Nathan Whitaker (12) would be the name of the unique student in your sixth grade science class that had to worry about Axe aftershave and the latest Gillette blade.

"I'm the only hairy one in my family," Whitaker said about the beard he has worn since he was 12 years old.

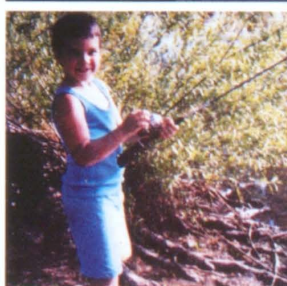
Surprisingly though, this isn't the only character building fact about him. As it turns out, he also loves to fish.

"The biggest catch I've had was when I caught a two foot long cat fish in North Carolina," Whitaker said.

He has gone fishing in Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina and other southern states. When he is in the area he likes to fish in Lake Hills and often Lake Michigan.

"In the summer, my life will consist of fishing every day, eating when I get hungry and napping when I'm tired. I could go for hours every day. I love it," he said.

Stephanie Farrant



Molly Sammon:

down under dare devil

The time has finally arrived. Palms sweaty and heart racing, Molly Sammon (12) looks down and underneath her are thousands of feet of nothing but air. She takes a deep breath, leans forward and falls out of the plane.

"My most memorable moment so far has been skydiving in Australia. It was six minutes long, but I can recall every second of it. Free-falling is exhilarating," Sammon said.

Sammon travelled about twenty-two hours by plane to Australia to visit family members that live there. For some people, the thought of falling out of a plane is a huge fear, but for others it is at the top of the list of things to do before dying.

"I carry a list of twenty things I want to do before I die in my wallet at all times," Sammon said.

Sammon can finally cross skydiving off that list. However, she still has many more plans for her future.

"It was six minutes long, but I can recall every second of it."

Molly Sammon said.

"I want to work in politics. I'm getting my undergraduate degree in political science from Notre Dame. Then, going to law school and working in Washington D.C.," Sammon said.



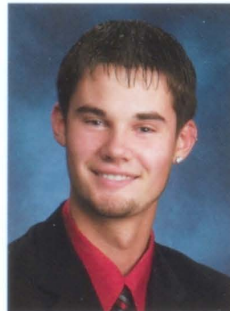
a little insight:

nickname: Mola
birthday: February 8, 1990
hidden talent: singer
favorite food: banana pancakes

dream job: Secretary of State
obsessions: Dunkin' Donuts Iced Coffees
meet anyone: Brady Quinn

Larry buckman

Rachel Czajka
Ryan Dahlberg
Joseph Damron
Kayla Dangerfield
Tara Davis



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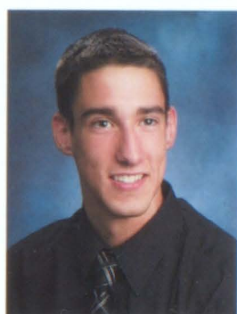
"Mr. [John] Madison [administration] is the bee's knees," Michael Barry (12) said.

"You will always have the memories of the good times spent with your best friends," Robert Kwiecinski (12) said.

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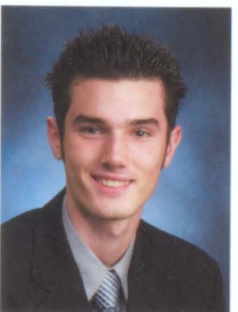
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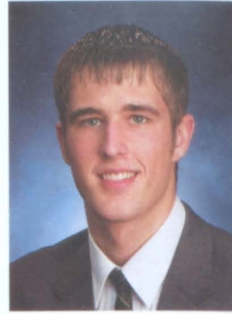


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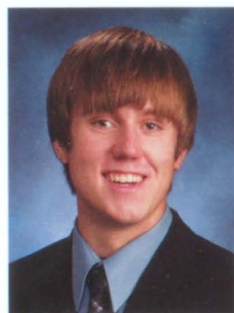
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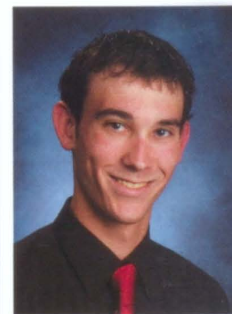
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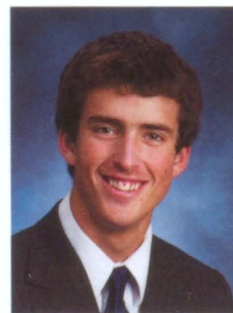
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Sarah Hilbrich
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Heather Homcho





Amanda Paglis:

super seamstress



a little insight:

3 words to describe yourself: wacky, stressed-out, summerlovin'

favorite dance move: my own dance move named after me

roadtrip: "My friends and I like to go on as many as we can."

Trying to set herself apart from everyone else, Amanda "Mandy" Paglis (12) thought that designing clothes was cool ever since she was a little girl.

"I always wanted to design, but I never had the patience for it. Last year I decided to finally take classes, and have been making clothes ever since. I thought sewing would make me different from everyone else," Paglis said.

Paglis has now, after a year of sewing, made many dresses for many school events and dances.

She is constantly thinking about what she will make next.

"I day dream about my next designs all the time and make things with the materials I have," Paglis said.

Patrick Shanley:

bagpipe buff

Patrick Shanley (12) is known throughout the school for being "the bagpiper," which he's been playing for seven years.

"I pretty much popped out of my mom's womb with a bag pipe in my hands. I don't know of anything else but that. It's what I've grown up with," Shanley said.

Being Irish to Shanley is way more to him than most would think.

"My heritage means a lot to me," Patrick Shanley said.

means a lot to me and my family. We all bleed green," Shanley said.

Shanley is very proud of all the history behind his family name. In fact, he already has two tattoos that represent his family history and heritage.

"My tattoos all have an Irish theme and mean a lot to me. They stand for so many things that are important to me. I plan on getting a bunch of them, and all will reflect my heritage," Shanley said.

—krysta arnold



a little insight:

3 words to describe yourself: Irish, dedicated, loving
if you could have a superpower: limitless knowledge
lucky charm: matching rings my girlfriend and I have

Kalyn Hoover
Matthew Hudnall
Timothy Huesca
Amy Humpfer
Jessica Hunt



Sean Hunter
Karissa Inglis
Stevan Ivetch
Brianna Jacobs
Melissa Jacobs



John Jamicich
Cameron Janiga
Elizabeth Jelewski
Dawn Jezuit
Bradley Jordan



Alexa Schutz:

summer exchange student

Imagine this: living in France for seven weeks. Could you handle the language barrier, the homesickness, and the different culture? Well, Alexa Schutz (12) faced all these hardships, but still managed to have an absolutely unbelievable time.

"My experience in France was the best seven weeks of my life," Schutz said.

Schutz traveled to France to ultimately learn French by not speaking English at all throughout the trip, to experience culture firsthand and to use the French she learned in class in high school.

Schutz traveled with the Indiana University Honors Program for High School Students in Foreign Languages. Schutz met plenty of new people while in France.

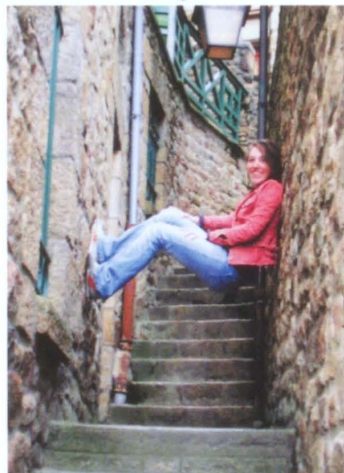
While living in France, Schutz

strictly spoke French. Schutz attended school Monday through Friday to learn French grammar, conversation and literature.

After school, Schutz walked around town with friends and enjoyed the French culture. While living in France, she stayed with a host family who helped her out throughout the entire process.

The opportunity of traveling to France was truly "once in a lifetime". Schutz was shown a video about the experience from her French teacher, Mrs. Nancy Tilka, Language, and was immediately inspired to go. With the experience, Schutz gained a new appreciation for the culture and language of France. Cecily Barajas (12) travelled to France with the program too.

[Karee Hackel]



"My experience in France was the best seven weeks of my life,"

Ashley Schutz said.

a little insight:

with \$1 million: live in France
favorite food: chocolate
favorite movie: The Italian Job
favorite holiday: Christmas

"Don't let senior year pass you by," Ronnie Prestamer (12) said.

"I can't believe how fast four years went, and how much has changed," Anna Bona (12) said.



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Tiffany Kaeser



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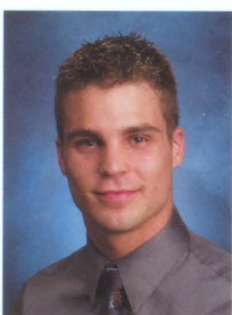
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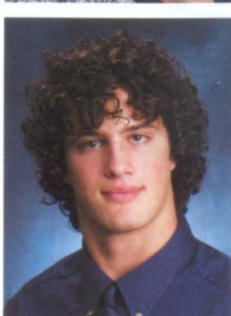
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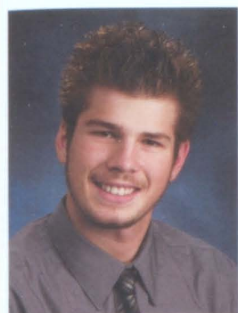
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"I love experiencing high school with my crazy friends," Stephanie Widlowski (12) said.



"My favorite part of high school was looking forward to better times at college," Kaitlyn Jagar (12) said.



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Robert Matijevich
Andrew Matura

Lauren Bade:

life saver



"Last year, I took a life guarding class to replace my pre-calc class. I thought it would be an easy A. Well, this summer I was jet skiing, and I decided to go fast, really fast. I hit a wave and flew forward, and cracked my femur out of my leg. I had gotten my leg caught up in the handle bars. Because [of] life guarding I remained calm, and did not go into shock. I had broken a blood vessel in my leg and was bleeding out. Again, because of life guarding, I wrapped a tourniquet around my leg with a belt I had on my bathing suit. I then flagged down a boat and had them call the coast guard. It took them 45 minutes to rescue me. They could not find me. From there I was rushed to the Michigan City hospital where I underwent a four hour surgery. After that, I was transferred to Munster Community Hospital where I stayed

for three weeks this summer. After two weeks I underwent a ten hour surgery to put the leg back together. I had broken my femur in 13 places and had 8 missing pieces. I was also on crutches for three months. I still have physical therapy three times a week, but they expect a complete recovery. The doctors also are impressed that I knew how to handle the situation, thanks to [Jim] Tonkovich," Lauren Bade (12) said.

a little insight:

birthday: August 17, 1989
random fact: I can speak Hebrew fluently.
hero: my sister
favorite color: yellow
with \$5: Chapstik

faith patena

Courtney Cook:

family-oriented



"There are eight people in my family, and that makes me the oldest of six kids. There are three girls: me, Kathleen, 13, and Kayley, 8. Then there are three boys: RJ, 16, Aaron, 14, and Reece, 7. There are 10 years between me and my youngest brother. It's a pretty big responsibility being the oldest. My mom works midnights, and my dad usually works late, so I'm in charge of a lot of things around the house, but a lot of work gets split up between the six of us. Each kid has a specific night to make dinner, and every day of the week each of us has a specific chore. It's always crazy, and there are always so many people in my house. Not just between my brothers and sisters, but there are always extra kids running around the house. Everyone always has a friend over. Sometimes it's annoying, but most of the time it's fun," Courtney Cook (12) said.



a little insight:

birthday: August 20, 1990
if you had \$5: food
dream job: nurse anesthetist
hero: my mom
favorite food: potatoes

Benjamin Panfil:

inventor of 'Dress Up Wednesday'

It's Monday morning, another week of dreading what to wear. At least now, there is one less day where students can put their worrying aside.

"One Wednesday I decided to wear a suit coat, a tie, a dress shirt and some jeans. When people started complimenting me on how I looked, I decided I would start dressing up every Wednesday," Benjamin Panfil (12) said.

Week by week, more students joined in on dressing up, and it soon became known as 'Dress Up Wednesday'.

"It is just something different to do. Wednesday is the middle of the week and just an overall 'bleh' day, and I think [dressing up] brings excitement to the day. I've noticed Wednesdays go by much faster because I look good. Also, when you look good, you feel good,"

a little insight:

with \$1 million: "Invest in anything but Enron."

favorite food: delicious pizza

hero: Dad

Panfil said.

Looking around, the girls are dressed up in nice pants, skirts and dresses, while the guys are dressed up in suits and ties. The looks vary but for each their own.

"There's no dress code. It's a varying thing. Since it's not a required thing, people can wear what they want. Dressing up to a person who wears sweats every day may be wearing jeans, so the idea of dress up Wednesday can apply to everyone," Panfil said.

There are many different views of dressing up on Wednesday, but, "teachers and students regarded it as slightly abnormal, but good, too. My favorite reaction was when one of the lunch ladies said, 'Oh, you look so nice today!' It made my day," Panfil said.

stacy sobek



Mark Kalinich (11), Benjamin Panfil (12), and Robert Schlagel (12)

"I've noticed Wednesdays go by much faster because I look good,"

Benjamin Panfil said.



dream job: professional sports car tester

obsessions: pirates, Transformers, music

favorite tv show: Myth Busters & Family Guy

nickname: BP, not the gas station

birthday: July 20

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William McAllister
Kaitlyn McClain
Danielle McDermott
Bailey McFarland



Colleen McIntyre
Stephanie McManimen
Brian McNamara
Katherine McNiece
Stephen Meeker



Alexandria Mele
Jacob Mellas
Lauren Mendez
Serena Mendoza
Ryan Meneghin



"I'm glad to be out of this school and moving on with my life," Danielle Angio (12) said.

"My senior year was the greatest, and that's what inspired me to set goals and move forward in life," La'Meisha Parker (12) said.



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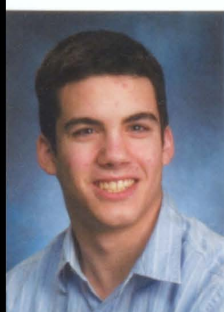
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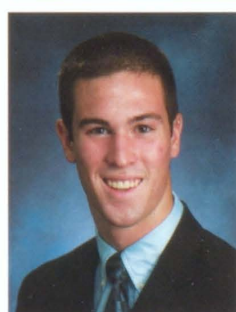
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Christina Pruitt
John Pupillo
Desiree Purnick



"I like anatomy because I need it for college," Brittany Olson (12) said.

"Machine shop is my favorite because I get to work with cool equipment," Tyler Wood (12) said.



Annie Trincot:

French prodigy



Annie Trincot (12) isn't 100% French, but she might as well be.

"My dad was raised in France, and my mom is a French teacher here," Trincot said.

Her mom is Mrs. Nancy Tilka, Language, and through her many cultural and family ties, she is able to speak French fluently.

"I already know French, so I'm taking German. I'll take French in college," Trincot said.

Trincot also travels to France every year to visit her family.

"My grandma lives just outside Paris, and my aunt lives in Paris, so we visit the city while we're there. My favorite part is getting to see my family, and visiting the city," Trincot said, "I want to keep going to France, and I'm going there with my cousin over spring break this year."

a little insight:

with \$1 million: "save it."

favorite food: pizza

favorite band: Bright Eyes

dream job: fashion designer

favorite movie: Across the Universe

Gia Laski:

semester grad

Most students dream about living in a place like Florida. However, Gia Laski (12) is graduating at semester and moving to the hot, sunny state.

"I'll be in Winterhaven. It's between

"I'm not missing out on my high school experience,

Gia Laski said.

Tampa and Orlando," Laski said.

But she won't be lonely. Her brother lives down there, and her parents are moving down, too.

"I'm going into cosmetology for Paul Mitchell, at UFF. I'll be studying fitness and wellness and doing cheerleading," Laski (12) said.

Florida fits her life perfectly, and gives her time for wakeboarding, which she has been doing since she was little.

Although she's leaving early, Laski doesn't feel like she's missing anything.

"I'm not missing out on my high school experience. I went to everything last year," Laski said.



a little insight:

favorite food: almost everything

favorite movie: Dazed & Confused

dream job: "Something fun that makes bank."

hero: my brother

Jessica Thomas

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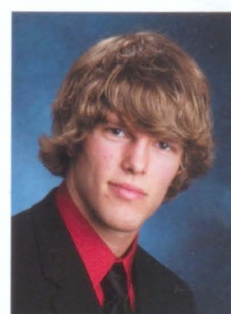
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Alan Russell
Megan Sadler
Molly Sammon
Sarah Samocki
Devin Sanders



Joshua Santiago
Elizabeth Santos
Linda Sapp
Jordan Savoy
Rebecca Sayre



"Live it up like it's our last because there's no time for 'I wish I had's.' Seniors '08: love you guys," Lauren Phillips (12) said.

"I just can't wait for college. I'm going to Aurora University," Jill Wichert (12) said.

WonMi Yoo:

missionary

During the summer of 2006 WonMi Yoo (12) boarded a plane at O'Hare Airport, stopped in Texas and, five hours later, landed in Guatemala. Yoo went to Guatemala with 42 people as part of the 180 Ministry to teach village children about Jesus and church. The mission trip went to three places with the main one being Chinepancala.

A lot of physical preparation went into the trip.

"We had to go to a prayer meeting every Wednesday. Then, four days before we left, there was a major boot camp where we did exercise drills, painting and other labor. It was pretty bad," Yoo said.

The group spent a total of three weeks in Guatemala hiking to villages that were usually three miles apart from each other.

a little insight:

most memorable moment:

"The first night in Guatemala was the worst night of my life. I cried because they lost our luggage, it

"It was funny that we had to learn Spanish songs before going there to sing with the kids, but they didn't even speak Spanish. They spoke Quechen. They tried to learn the songs and dance. We had a really good time with crafts," Yoo said.

Besides fun and games, the trip was a chance to experience another country and its people.

"[The most rewarding part] was getting a better outlook on life. You see these little kids who didn't have shoes. Their feet have blisters and sticks up in them. It makes you think about life and how we shouldn't take advantage of things," Yoo said.

"It makes you think about life and how we shouldn't take advantage of things."

Won Mi Yoo said.

was pouring rain, and we were sleeping on cement. I just kept remembering I wanted my mommy."

—Lauren Riggs



1 After watching *Finding Nemo*, Yoo sits with two of the girls. She played with the kids at night and they would help her up the mountain.



2 Yoo sits with her group in El Estor. "This was the hardest because we had to speak Spanish to them, but we played games and had mini Olympics."

3 Yoo's view from a little village above her base camp. "It was almost the most beautiful thing, so I just took a picture of it."



Karly Scherer
Stephen Schindler
Sabrina Schroeder
Ryan Scholdt
Anthony Schultz



Alexa Schutz
Ryan Schweitzer
Jack Schwent
William Scott
Michael Scruggs Jr.



Ryan Seapan
Amanda Sebahar
Stephanie Segal
Randall Segally
Courtney Semethy

"My favorite class would have to be choir. I've known most of the people for four years, and it's great to be with them all," Katrina Coric (12) said.

Jennifer Serafin
Krystle Shanks
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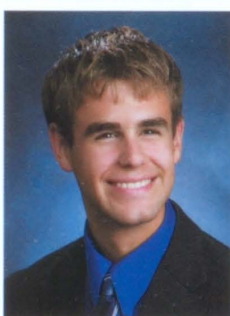
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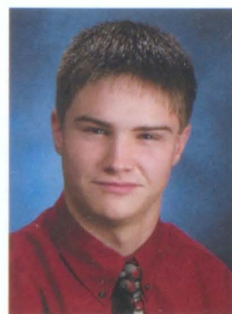
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"Senior year is a year you want to try new things; you don't want to have any regrets," Erica Eckiss (12) said.



Nicole Stockman
Amanda Stoltz
Michelle Stout
David Sutkowski
Kristen Sweeney



Nicole Sweetin
Amanda Swets
Michael Szeffler
Kristin Talaber
Melissa Tamayo



Courtney Targos
Sarah Targos
Danielle Tencza
Lauren Tharp
Timothy Theus II

Victoria Keilman:

champion horseback rider



For some, horseback riding is something they do for fun, but not for Victoria Keilman (12). Ever since Keilman was three years old she was interested in horseback riding, but a camp was what really got her into competitive riding.

"When I was eight I went to a week long riding camp and that got me into it," Keilman said.

With her two Arabians and one Appaloosa she does a variety of contests.

"I jump, dressage and then I'm starting saddle seat," Keilman said.

Keilman's years of competing has brought her home many awards.

"I win at fair all the time and I qualified for nationals," Keilman said.

Winning at fair is not as huge of a winning as one of her other major qualifications such as nationals. Keilman will continue her passion for riding far into the future.

a little insight:

with \$1million: "Buy a nice horse and go to nationals."

favorite vacation: Myrtle Beach

obsession: going to DC's

Joseph Ramirez:

beatboxng machine

How cool would it be to share a talent with Justin Timberlake? Joseph Ramirez (12) knows because he can beatbox.

Beatboxing is not something that a person can go to sleep one night, and the next morning, wake up, and know how to do it. Learning how to beatbox takes time and practice.

"It took me about six months [to learn how to beatbox]," Ramirez said.

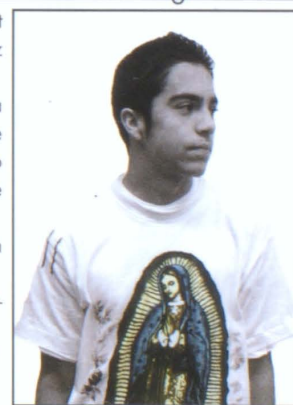
For the two years he has been beat-

boxing, Ramirez has proven that he is very good.

Last year he won first place in the talent show for singing and beatboxing. Since he is the only one of his friends that that can beatbox, he would like to share his talent.

"I don't like being the only person that can do it," Ramirez said.

If you never get the chance to hear him beatbox in person there is always the little thing called YouTube. You can find videos of him under Beatbox Joe.



a little insight:

favorite vacation place: Puerto Rico

birthday: April 2, 1990

broken bones: foot

favorite tv show: The Simpsons

superhero power: flying

kristen sweeney

Cameron Geary:

summer traveler

Some people never get a chance to leave the United States. Cameron Geary (12) got the opportunity to travel to Europe, and he took it.

Many people in the school know about Mr. [Tom] Clark's trip to Europe. During the summer, he takes a group of students who are interested in seeing what Europe has to

a little insight:

with \$1 million: invest it.
birthday: March 30, 1990
dream job: doctor
hero: Homer Simpson, because he is just so laid back.

Courtney Broadhead

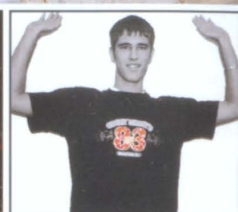
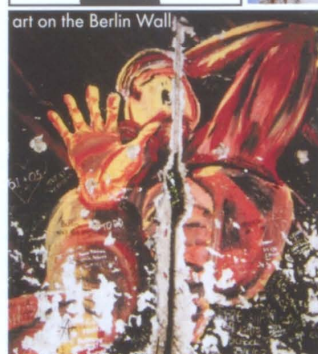
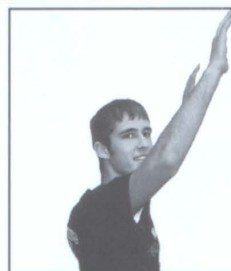
offer. Geary was in Europe for eighteen days.

"One of our stops was in Germany," Geary said.

While in Germany, students were able to see the Berlin Wall, but he got to "climb" it as well.

Geary had to get on one of his friend's shoulders in order to get to the top of the wall. There were loose pieces of the wall towards the top, and he wanted to grab one to keep as a souvenir for the rest of his life.

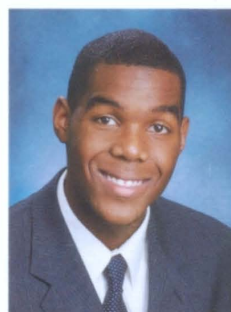
"[The best part about climbing the Berlin Wall was] probably the history of this place," Geary said.



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Cameron Geary said.

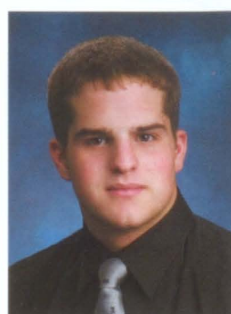
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Dana Vander Genugten
Timothy Vanderhei
Amanda VanTil
John Vater



"I am excited to graduate and go into the real world," Jordan Meredith (12) said.

"I'm going to miss being a manager for the wrestling team," Tiffany Kaeser (12) said.

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Seth Velasco
William Velgos
Ryan Venturelli
Elizabeth Veronesi
Jessica Victor



Sean Vidal
Christopher Vienna
Ted Vlahos
Adam Voss
Elizabeth Vraniskoski



Samuel Vukas
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Christopher Wade
Ashley Wagner
Eric Walker



Carly Walz
Bethany Ward
Christopher Watson
Rachel Weaver
Taylor Weltmeyer



Alexandria Wesley
Matt Wesley
Jill Wichert
Stephanie Widlowski
Matthew Wilkening



Emily Williams
Stefphanie Wilson
Colleen Winiacki
Kellen Winters
Tyler Wood

"I'm just looking forward to prom, so seniors can be together one more time, and camping should be fun with just the class of 2008," Abby Tudor (12) said.

David Woods
Angela Wopinski
Alicia Wright
Keith Wuetig
Wonmi Yoo



Cameron Young
Angela Youngs
Aaron Zakarias
Bionca Zamora
Blake Zamora



Steven Zandy
Bridgette Ziolkowski
Dominic Zuccarelli



Michael Moreno:

martial arts man



"Jiu Jitsu" and "Muytahi" are not common terms among typical teenagers. Michael Moreno (12), however, is not your average teen-

"You wouldn't see the moves coming if they were done to you,"

Michael Moreno said.

ager. Moreno has been practicing the skills of

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, Muytahi and kick boxing since the summer of his sophomore year.

"I started because Braulio came to my gym class, and I thought it was cool. I always liked sport fighting," Moreno said.

Moreno practices once a week at Corral's in Schererville to prepare for competitions.

"You start the match and then you get points by switching positions and doing moves. You have to try to submit the guy and make him tap to win. The judges also go by points to decide who wins. I like how tricky the moves are. You wouldn't see them coming if they were done to you. You can take on a bigger person because size doesn't matter as much," Moreno said.

a little insight:

with \$1 million: "I'd buy an f450 Ferrari."

favorite food: steak

hero: my dad

dream job: computer engineer/rockstar

random fact: "I submitted my 300 lb. friend."

Megan Specyal:

dedicated D1 diver



College is always a huge decision to make in a student's life, but maybe even more so for an athlete choosing to continue in the sport they love.

"I chose to go to Toledo to dive because the team's really close like a family," Megan Specyal (12) said.

Toledo University is a Division 1 school in Ohio. The ranking system by how many students attend a college or university ranges from D1, a high population, to D3, a low population. Therefore, competing at a D1 school is a huge accomplishment and Specyal has well-earned her right to dive at such a school.

"I've been a sectional runner-up and a regional qualifier. My biggest accomplishment was making state my junior year. I placed 25th. My goal is to make it back and place in the top 16," Specyal said.

a little insight:

with \$1 million: buy a house with Gia Laski (12)

hero: my brother, Jason Specyal ('06)

quote: "Live, laugh, love."

Katie Hanyzewski

"[Senior year] sucks. I have a bad case of senioritis," Richard Moricz (12) said.

into the future

Congratulations Class of 2008

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Kelsi Henry
Zachary Langbeen
Rachel Lefkakis
Sarah Samocki
Kevin M. Snyder
Alexandria Wesley

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Latifah Bilal
Nirmala Heuss
Jillian Sherly
Daniel Smith

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Robert Morris Col-
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Anna Bona,
University of Miami
Kurt Baer Jr.,
Electrician Union
Harry Blaundin,
Prairie State College

Other

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Other

Hanyzewski

Katherine



Katie, we are so proud of the young lady you've become. You have always been smart, strong, responsible and kind. We know that these qualities will help you achieve a wonderful future. We are blessed

to have you in our lives. You are everything we could have hoped for in a daughter. Go Purdue and White Sox!

Love, Mom and Dad

Coniglio

Marco



Congradulations, Marcol We are so proud of you. May God continue to bless you and guide you. Believe in yourself!

We love you. Dad, Mom, and Sabrina

Lazarevic

Daniela



To Daniela, our precious jewel. You are not only beautiful on the outside, but you are beautiful on the inside. You have such a tender heart filled with kindness and compassion. You are smart and funny, and have a voice like an

angel. When you speak we feel God's love. We are so proud of you and we will always be your number one fans. Good luck at Indiana University and may all at your dreams come true.

Love, Mom, Tati, Petar and Gogy

Jacobs

Melissa



Melissa, We reflect with great pride on the success you've had, the person and spirit that you are. The best is yet to be.

Our endless love and support,
Love, Mom and Dad

Hallow

Eric



Dear Eric,
You inspire us!

We'll miss you next year.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Emalee and Abby

Zakarias

Aaron



Dear Aaron, We can hardly believe this time has arrived. There will be a whole new, exciting chapter of your life to begin. We will always be here for you to support your dreams and believe in your spirit for

success. We are proud of your accomplishments. You are also an awesome athlete with a natural talent for the love of your sport, hockey. Aaron, always remember we love you and to be along side of you as you follow your dreams

Love always, your Mom and Dad

Natarelli

Christine



Christine you are such a joy to us! We are so proud of the intelligent, loving, caring and beautiful young woman you have become. As you

leave Lake Central, keep your friends and memories close to your heart. Look ahead, there is a whole world waiting for you. Christine, show the world that "the little ant can."

Love, Mom and Dad

Widlowski

Stephanie



Congratulations Stephanie! Follow your dreams. With hard work and determination, they will come true. We are very proud of you. Love, Mom and Dad

Koch

Garrett



Congratulations, you have grown into a very, wonderful young man. We are very proud of you. As you head off to college now, we wish you all the best.

Love, Mom, Dad and Kelli

Soltesz

Julie



Congratulations, Julie! We are very proud of you! Shoot for the stars and follow your dreams. May all of your goals come true.

Love, Dad, Mom and Jen

Jelevski

Elizabeth



Liz, where has the time gone? You went from our beautiful little girl to a determined young lady. Follow your heart and you will succeed.

You made us proud!
Love Always, Mom and Dad

Bridges

Raychel



Raychel,
Congratulations on everything you have accomplished. We know that you will have great success in the future. We will

always be in your corner cheering you on. Always remember to believe in yourself and follow your dreams.

Love you, Mommy and Daddy

McClain

Kaitlyn



Kaitlyn,

You are truly amazing. Continue to work hard and use your talents to make the world a better place. You have brought us so much happiness.

We love you, Mom and Dad

Keilman

Joseph



Congratulations to a wonderful son. Wasn't it just yesterday "Poochie" was wearing "Thompis the Tank Engine and Friends" clothes? We blinked and our "drummer boy" is off to college. Thanks for the memories and making us proud.

Bohn

Emily



Dear Emily,

We can't believe this day is here! You are graduating from high school and moving on to college. From the moment we heard "It's a girl," we have been overjoyed. We are so proud of you, our beautiful daughter. You are such a joy to be around and we love your wonderful sense of humor. You have the talent, character and strength to achieve anything you dare to dream. God has blessed you with many talents! Aim for the stars and always BELIEVE IN YOURSELF! We do! We wish you much love and happiness!

Mom, Dad, Michael, Andy, Layla and Logan

Gomez

Mallorie

Mallorie, we are so proud of you. We watched you grow from a cute little girl to a beautiful, intelligent young woman. From the day you brought roly-polys into the house, until the day you bring in your Doctor of Veterinarian Medicine Degree, you'll always make us proud and we know the best is yet to come. Good wishes for a future with lots of success. You make us all so very proud for just being the person you are.

Love, Kisses and Hugs, Grandma Gloria, Grandpa Tom, Aunt Diana, Aunt Celie and Aunt Hondi



Aguilera

Allison



Allison, Your father and I are so proud of the accomplishments you have made and the young lady you have become. You are very special, and we love you very much. Mom and Dad

Hudnall

Matthew



Matt,

You will always be our baby. May God bless you in all you do.

Your Family

Cornet

Cameron



Haven, Florida while training with Ron Scarpa. Cam will attend college and continue living summer in 3 Lakes, Wisconsin.

Cameron's passion has been barefoot skiing since he was 12 years old. He has been an active member of the Aqua Devils ski team in 3 Lakes, Wisconsin for 3 years. Cameron has also barefooted over alligators in Winter

Sayre

Rebecca



Congratulations Becky! Have confidence to follow your dreams. Work hard and life will be good to you. May God bless you always. Love, Mom, Dad and Jackie

Phillips

Lauren

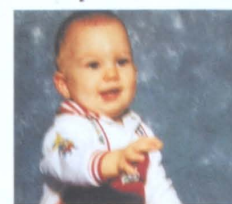


Lauren, Congratulations on all of your achievements during the past years. We wish you the best of luck and know you will excel in whatever the future holds for you. We are so very proud of all you have accomplished and the special person that you are.

All Our Love, Mom and Dad

Alavanja

Stevan



Congratulations! We are so proud of you. We love you and will always be there for you! Tata, Mom and Jov

Corley

Brittney



Here you are happy to take on the world with your ambition and consideration for others. Your beautiful spirit has shown how remarkable you truly are. Much Love, Mom and Dad

Sierra

Jeremy



It seems like only yesterday you were our baby boy. The years have gone by and you are now a bright young man. Congratulations, we are proud of you! Love, Mom and Dad

Flores

Christina



May all your dreams come true, and believe you can be anything you want to be. We are proud of you always! "All you need is love." Love Mom, Dad and A.J.

Eckiss

Erica



Good luck to our beautiful college-bound daughter. You've made us proud, you can accomplish everything your heart desires. Dream big! Love Dad, Mom and Phil

Arnold

Krysta

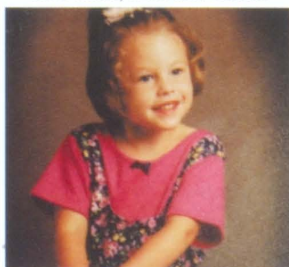
Krysta, WOW! Graduation already? It seems like just yesterday we were bringing our little princess home from the hospital. You are a true gift to us and are everything we could possibly wish for in a daughter and more. We have watched you grow into an amazing young woman. Your positive attitude, outgoing personality and contagious smile are just a few of your attributes. You have worked hard with such determination and perseverance to get here. We know you will continue to succeed in



everything you do. Always believe in yourself. We are so proud of you. You have such a big heart. Follow it and nothing can stop you. You are an amazing daughter and a true friend to everyone around you. Follow your dreams. We support you and love you very much. Look out Purdue, here comes our

Krysta Bear!

Love Mom, Dad and Chadd



Croft

Brittany



Brittany, you have made us proud with all you have accomplished these past 18 years. It was been a joy watching you grow. We know you have a bright future. Love Mom and Dad

Ristich

Derrick



We are very proud of the determined young man you have become. Stay focused on your goals and you will continue to succeed. Love, Mom, Dad, Brittini and Kyle

Travis

Melissa



Melissa Travis - We are so very proud of the young woman you have become. Keep believing in yourself, and work hard to make your dreams come true! We love you, Mom, Dad and Ashley

Angio

Danielle



Congratulations, Danielle! We knew you could do it! We are so proud of you! Love, Mom and Dad

Angellotti

Olivia



To our Precious Olivia-
With all our hearts, we
want you to know that
never a single day has
passed when you were
not revered, cherished,
adored, treasured as the
most precious gift we'd
ever recieved. For today, tomorrow, for all eternity, we love you!

Mom and Dad

Kaptur

Lana



Lana, We are so proud of you. Truly
convinced that you can accomplish
anything you want to. Way to go
shunk. We love you.

Mom, Dad, Lauren and Puggs

Smith

Daniel



Dan, We are so proud of the
man you have become. Never
stop reaching for your dreams.

See you in the movies!
Love, Dad, Mom and Matt

Patena

Faith



Faith, God has blessed
you with the biggest heart
and a loving, fun per-
sonality. How wonderfull
Remember that success
isn't always measured
by your career choice or
salary, but rather by your
character and integrity.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart; lean not unto your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your path." All my love
to Heaven and back, Mom. P.S. "We" finally graduated! LOL.

Kulina

Nicole



We are proud in everything you
do. Always reach for the stars
and follow your dreams no matter
what. Good Luck in the future. Love,
Mom, Dad, Jimmy and Danielle.

Higgins

Patrick



How you've changed from one gradu-
ation till now. You have turned out to
be a nice young man. Good luck with
whatever the future holds for you. Love,
Mom and Dad

Hiemstra

Theodore



Ted, As the song
says, "What a long
strange trip it's
been!" Like a roller-
coaster, we had our
ups, and we had our
downs, but it was
always entertaining.
Congratulations on

your graduation and we wish you great success at college and in life.
We love you! Mom, Dad and Maddie.

Dosen

Amy



Amy Nicole, We
knew you were spe-
cial since the day
you were born, but
we had no idea
how much joy you
would bring us. You
have the power to
make a difference

in this world, so strive to meet all of your goals, no matter how lofty.
Good Luck, Mom and Dad

Kielbasinski

Celia



Celia, where has the time gone?
We are so proud of you! We watched
our beautiful little girl grow into a beauti-
ful, smart, talented young woman. We
love you with all our hearts! We love you!
Mom, Dad, Sara and all your family

Amanatidis

Stavros



Continue to strive for what you want.
Don't settle for anything less. You
have the character and the values
to go far in life. We are so proud of
you! Love, Mom and Dad

Shanks

Krystle



Your smile always lights up the room!
Thank you for bringing so much joy to
our lives. We love you and are very
proud of the beautiful person you
have become. Love, Mom and Dad

Polus

Nicole



Couldn't be prouder! You always
exceed our expectations and make
us laugh along the way. You are
beautiful, talented and unique. We
wish you happiness always.
Love, Mom, Dad and sisters

Walz

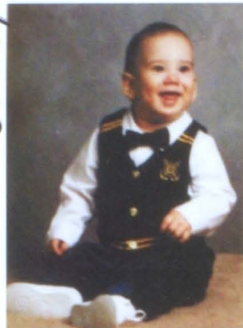
Carly



We have always been so proud of you. Good luck at Purdue and remember we will always be here for you. Love, Mom, Dad, Hilary and Charlie

Riddle

Jeffrey



We'll love you forever, and like you for always. As long as we're a family, our starshine you'll be! We're so proud of the young man you've become. Never forget how loved, admired and appreciated you are. We know you'll do well at anything you set out to do.
Love, Mom and Cassie

Kramer

Jacob



We couldn't be more proud of you. Be true to yourself, follow your heart, and you'll be sure to reach your goals. The future is yours.
Love, Mom, Dad and family

Bomba

Kaitlin



We are so proud of the young lady you have become. Never lose the specialness that's such a part of you. Follow your dreams and you'll go far. Love, Mom, Dad and Allie

Bushong

Brooke



Brooke,
As you strive toward your future, make sure you enjoy the journey. May all your dreams and goals come true. Love, Mom, Dad, and Brit

Koester

William



You have really grown as a writer. We await the first book in your future as an author! Keep up the reading, writing and humor in college; you are a great son! Mom and Dad

Miller

Lily

Lily,
We took these as you went flashing by, weeks that seem like seconds now, never thinking graduation would come so soon.

Parents, because they're parents, are good at knowing who you were, not as good at knowing who you are today.



They're plain awful at knowing who you'll be next.

So we'll keep the camera handy, because you've been every good surprise, easy to love and amazing us every step of the way, and we can't wait to see what comes next.
Mom and Dad



Grantham

Brittany



Brittany,
You were always one to "hop to it." And even as a baby, you were our Christmas decorator. We are so proud of you and the woman you have become. You will make an excellent pediatrician! We love you always and forever.
Love, Mom, Dad, Jackie and Marissa

Martinez

Lisette



Lisette,
We know whatever you set your mind to do in this world, it will come to pass. So go out into adulthood and make your contribution. We thank God for blessing us with a daughter like you.
Love you Squirrel!
Mom and Dad

Arvay



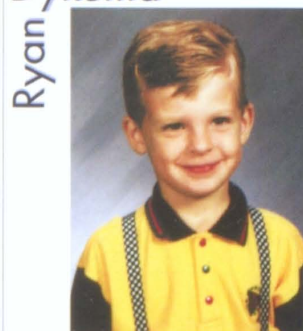
Congratulations Ethan! We're so proud of you. We wish you much happiness in whatever the future brings. We love you! Mom, Dad, Tim, Justin and Kennan

Singel



Congratulations! We are so proud of all you have accomplished. You have grown into a fine young man with all the right values. Good luck in college and follow your dreams.
Love, Dad, Mom and Joshua

Dykema



Congratulations Ryan, always remember: trust in God, believe in yourself and never lose your great "sense of humor." May your future be filled with love, laughter and much success.
We are very proud of you.
Love, Mom, Dad and Cody

Green



You have blessed our lives with love and laughter. We are so proud of you and the person you've become. Follow your heart and live your dreams. Life has just begun. Love,
Mom, Dad and Taylor

Damron



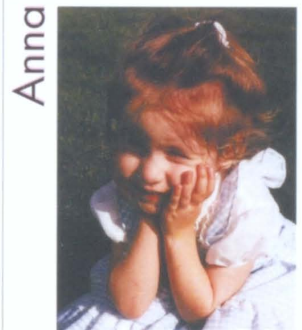
Joe, you're a wonderful son and brother. We are so proud of you. Follow your dreams and know you can accomplish anything as long as you believe in yourself.
Love, Mom, Dad and Haley

Semethy



Courtney "Bean," When you were born, God gave us the greatest gift. You truly are a "miracle." You are a sweet and caring young woman and we are proud of you. Follow your dreams and we will always be by your side. We are your private cheering section. Keep smiling. We love you very much. Mom, Dad, Andrew and Alli

Bona



Dear Anna, We love you very much. We want you to have a happy life. You were a beautiful little girl, who is now an intelligent and lovely young lady. We are so proud of you. May all your dreams come true. Love, Daddy, Mommy, Andrew, Maureen, Katie, Jake, Franciska and Sebastian

Veronesi



You fill our lives with love, laughter and happiness. Your courage and strength will take you far in life. We are proud to call you our daughter. Love, Mom, Dad, Sarah and Katherine

McIntyre



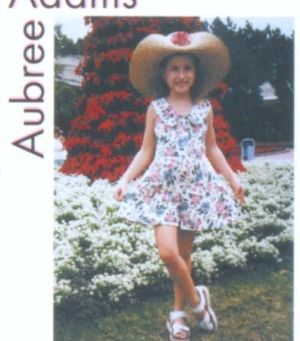
Colleen, It seems like yesterday! What a ride! Keep your faith and don't settle for less than you are capable of achieving. Good luck at Purdue! Love, Mom, Dad and Tim

Zamora



Blake and Bianca, May the Lord bless you both today and always. Follow your dreams. Congratulations.
Love, Mom and Dad

Adams



Now that you are grown and onto your next journey, we look back and ask ourselves, "Did we tell you to be bold, to be not afraid of the unknown, but live life to the fullest and meet each new experience with joy and anticipation?" We love you to the fullest!!
Love, Mom and Dad

Nestor



How quickly you have grown. You have been a joy and a blessing in our lives. We couldn't be more proud of you. We will always be there for you. Love, Mom and Dad

Odiik

Kristen



You're amazing! I am so proud of you. Reach for the stars, follow your path and you will have success. I love you, Your family

Schutz

Alexa



"There are so many things in life that will catch your eye, but only a few will catch your heart...pursue those!" Love, Maman, Dad, Sar, Noic, Ray, Danny and Boo

Makarowski

Gabrielle



Always remember you're our Angel Girl, and our "Hearts" are with you forever! We love you Punky, Mom and Dad

Moon

Nicole



You have grown into such a beautiful individual. Your love for life emanates from you and is reflected in all that you do. We love you and are more proud of you than you will ever know.

Fisher

Ashley



Ashley,
We are very proud of the accomplishments you have made. May all the steps you take go your way. Have fun in college.
With Love, Dad and Mom

Epperson

Megan



Megan, congratulations! We are so proud of you and your accomplishments. You are a remarkable young woman with a brilliant future ahead of you. May all your dreams come true!
Love always, Mom and Dad

Douglas

Gabrielle



Dear Gabie,
Keep a smile on your face and love in your heart as you go through life. Love, Mom, Dad, Joshua and Ladybug

Moody

Samantha



Sami,
Congratulations, we are so proud of you. We wish you all life's best. Good Luck in all you do!
Love, Mom, Dad and Lisa

Brown

Oriana



Oriana,
We are proud of you and love you very much. We believe in you and your creativity. Believe in yourself and your talent will flourish.

Wesley

Matthew



We are incredibly proud of you and all you've achieved. Keep reaching for your dreams - you can do anything you put your mind to.
Love, Mom and Dad

St. Amour

Marcus & Matthew



The years went by so fast, and you'll soon be heading off to college. Dream big. Always RUN for your goals! We love you both.
Mom, Dad and Stephanie

Sieffert

Theodore



Ted, we are very proud of you. You've made our job easy, and you have earned all you've achieved. Be confident and challenge yourself. Always remember that we love you.
Love, Dad, Mom, Rachel and Caroline

Olson

Brittany



Brittany, you are an incredible young lady. You can do anything you put your mind to - with your goodness of heart and passion for living, you are sure to have a future full of happiness and dreams come true! Live your dreams to the fullest, love with all your heart and always be true to yourself - remember there is never a wrong time to do the right thing! We are so proud of who you have become!
With much Love and Happiness, Dad, Mom and Evan

Dunlap

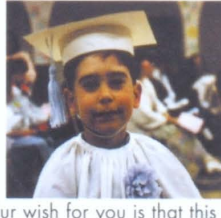
Chelsey



Chelsey-
You have been a blessing from the moment you were born! I am so proud of you now and always!
Love, Mom

Barr

Curtis



Our wish for you is that this life holds all that you want it too; your dreams stay big; your worries stay small; you never have to carry more than you can hold.
Love, Dad and Mom.

Youngs

Angela



You are our first born treasure. We have watched you grow step by step, day by day and year by year. We are incredibly proud of the awesome, talented and beautiful young woman you have become.

King

Ashley



"Success is the ability to go from one failure to another with no loss of enthusiasm." Trust one character, many talents and genuine beauty. May God bless you. Love, Dad, Mom and Zach.

Pollaro

Magdelynn



We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments. You always have a smile on your face. You are such a beautiful young woman. You have a special place in our hearts. May God guide you on your journey through life. Love, Mom, Dad, Frances, Frosty and Samie

Tudor

Abby



Abby, We are so proud of the person you've become, and no matter where life may take you, you will always be "Our Sweet Pea." Love, Mom, Dad and Rachel

Yoo

WonMi



College is your next step in life's amazing journey and we hope you know that even through hardships you will have a loving family always behind you. We love you! Love, Mom and Dad

Sebahar

Amanda



Eighteen years have come and gone so fast. We're all so proud of you and what you have accomplished. You have a wonderful personality that everyone loves. We know that whatever you do you will succeed. Love, Mom, Dad, Jackie, Shannen, Jake and Abby

Roth

Christina



We are so proud of you. You've excelled in school, honor roll for four years, cheerleading, second degree black belt in Taekwando and done it so well. We love you! Mom and Dad

Bairaktaris

Sophia



Dressed for success and going places. Some things never change! Congratulations on your graduation! Love, your family

Simac

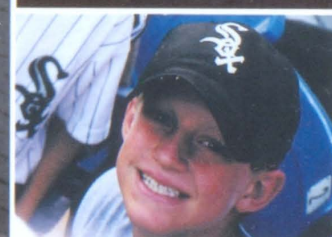
Jennifer



What a blessing you are! You have filled our lives with so many wonderful memories. We are proud of the beautiful young lady that you have become. Love, Dad, Mom, Brian and Chris

Meeker

Stephen



We are proud of the person you have become and all you have accomplished. We have been blessed with so many great memories and look forward to watching your future endeavors. Enjoy the journey!

Love,
Mom, Dad and Adam

DeBraal

Jenna



Jenna, you have always been precious and a delight to us. We know that you will go on to do amazing things in life. Congratulations! Love, Mom and Dad

Buchler

Hillary



We are so very proud of you. Continue in your hard work, believe in yourself and your dreams will surely come true. Love, Mom, Dad, Lucas and Breana

Sweeney

Kristen



Kristen,
Congratulations. You're done with high school. Good luck at IU. Seriously, I know you'll miss me.
Michelle

Sweeney

Kristen



Congratulations Kristen!

To a wonderful daughter who has never lost sight of her goals. We

hope your new journey takes you to the many places you've only dreamed of. Our love and support will always be with you.

Love, Mom, Dad, Michelle and Brian

Leonhardt

Courtney



Congratulations Courtney, we are so proud of you! Work hard in college, follow your dreams and always believe in yourself. Take time to laugh. It's the music of the soul.
Love, Mom and Dad

Mooney-Reynolds

Kaitlyn



Kaitlyn, you are a wonderful child. Your mom would be very proud of you. I hope you have a great life. You deserve it. Be responsible but have fun. Love, Dad.

Phillips

Lindsey



Lindsey, We are proud of you. Follow your heart and your dreams will come true. You can make it happen. We love you, Mom, Dad, Casey, Lucas and Sophie

Krause

Holly



Congratulations on all you have accomplished at LC. We know that you can achieve anything you want. Good luck at IU. We love you! Mom, Dad and Steve

Samocki

Sarah



Princess, from "Foo Foo" dresses and curls, coos and giggles, to a beautiful young woman. You make us proud. Congratulations and enjoy college. Love Mom, Dad and Sean

Goldsberry

Tyler



When you were born, we had no way of knowing the wonderful person you would become. You are ethical beyond question, fiercely independent and have shown a level of perseverance few others have. Through all of the challenges you have remained optimistic, and through the challenges to come, remember that your family loves you and is extremely proud of you! Dad, Mom, Melissa and Jack Cameron

Scott

William



Will, you make us so proud today and in the future in all that you have done and will do. We love you.
Good luck!
Love, Dad, Mom and Sarah

Duncan

Kyle



Kyle, you are the joy of our lives. May God bless your future as He has blessed us with you. We are proud of your accomplishments and your character. Love, Mom

Baer Jr.

Kurt



Kurt,
I can't believe 18 years have come and gone and now you are graduating. We are so proud of you. We want you to be healthy, happy and experience life to the fullest. We love and believe in you. You are an amazing person with great qualities. Believe in yourself, follow your heart and dreams and you will go far in life.
Love, Mom, Dad and Stephanie

Hoover

Kalyn



Congratulations! You did it. You truly amaze me. I know your future will bring wonderful things. I have so much faith in you. Always be happy and know what a blessing you are to me. Love, Mom.
Peeper, I prayed I would have a daughter and God sent me you! Now you are all grown up with the world at your fingertips. I am so proud of You! Love, Dad.

Panfil

Benjamin



Ben, it has been amazing watching you grow up from a little baby to being a high school senior. As you can see from these photos, dress up Wednesday's started at an early age for you! Good luck at Purdue

University's School of Engineering! We know you will make us proud.
Dad, Mom, Joey and Luke

Ferree

Tyler



Tyler, We "love you so much" and are very proud of you. Keep on being such a FUN and wonderful young man. Excel in and enjoy the next chapter of you life!
All our love, Mom and Dad

Cameron

Gregory



Your sense of humor will carry you far. Don't sweat the small stuff; remember, it's all small stuff. We look forward to seeing what you will become; but, more importantly, we are proud of what you are. Love, Mom and Dad

Talaber

Kristin



Congratulations Kristin, "You are so fuch mun. Remember to dollow your freams."
We love you,
Mom and Dad

Targos

Sarah



Dear Sarah, Congratulations, high school is now over and now on to college. It seems like yesterday that you were my little baby girl. Now you are off to college. We wish the very best for you on the next chapter of your life.
Love, Mom, Dad and Alex

Nelson

Erica



Erica, you've always been a "model" daughter! Your spirit is as beautiful as you are, and we know that success and happiness are on your path. May your sense of wonder and daven-ture continue to direct your ambitions. We are all so proud of you and your life's standards. I hope you always choose to dance! I love you MORE...Mom and Dad

Gomez

Mallorie



Mallorie, Congratulations on your high school graduation. It's hard to believe that our beautiful niece is now going to college. We are proud of you and hope that no matter where you go you keep us in your life and know that we are always there for you. Ever since you were a little girl your dream was to become a veterinarian. We know you will succeed. We love you and wish you the very best. Aunt Alice, Juanita and Rosemary

Penna

Marcy



Marcy, always follow your dreams in life! We are very proud of you! Strive to do the best in whatever you choose to do in life! We love you!
Mom, Dad, Catrina and Grace

Skurka

Stephanie



Stephanie, We wish you happiness and the best of everything in the upcoming years. We love you!
Mom and Dad

Kelleher

Jennifer



Congratulations Jennifer! We love you so much and we're so proud of you! Always remember to dance like there's nobody watching, love like you'll never get hurt and sing like there's nobody listening!
Love you, Mom and Dad

Rivera

Megan



Congratulations on graduating! We are very proud of everything you have accomplished with your schooling, work and on becoming an intelligent and beautiful young woman.
Love, Mom and Dad

Handler

Megan



We are so proud of your many accomplishments, your faith in God, moral judgments, warmth, sweetness, and self determination. You have grown into a beautiful, thoughtful young lady. Congratulations, Love, Mom and Dad

Kwiecinski, Jr.

Robert



Robbie, we've watched you grow from a boy to a young adult that others look up to. Your family is very proud of you and your dedication to everything you put your mind to.

Lefkakis

Rachel



Congratulations! Keep the fond memories you've made in high school close to your heart, as you move forward and follow your dreams. We will always be there for you.
Love, Mom and Dad

Schweitzer

Ryan



"Enjoy the little things in life, for one day you may look back and realize that they were the big things."
Love, Mom and Dad

Cornwell

Molly



Molly, I love you and wish for you nothing but the best that life has to offer. I am so very proud of all of your accomplishments through your years

at Homan, Grimmer and Lake Central. Go confidently in the direction of your dreams and know how truly special you are. Love, Mom

Silva

Krystal



Congratulations Krystal, we are very proud of you! May your dreams come true! Remember we always love you!
Grandma and Grandpa

Paglis

Amanda



We always knew you would be an ENGINEER! Always remember, be happy, do the right thing and never give up. Congrats to you Poodis!

Kirchhoff

Katie



Katie,
I can't believe my little girl is all grown up! You have been so blessed—beauty, brains and talent all in one magnificent package. We are so proud of you! Love, Mom, Dad and Crystal

Tencza

Danielle



Danielle,
As for years flew by of A's and B's an occasional "C," maybe some tears, but lots of cheers. A closet full of gowns with memories abound; we're so proud of who you are. Love, Mom and Dad

Thompson

Katelyn



"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding..." Proverbs 3:5-6
We are so proud and love you!
Mom, Dad, Emily and Alex

McDermott

Danielle



Congratulations Danielle! We are so proud of you. You have grown into a beautiful young lady. As you leave high school, you will begin a new chapter of your life. Good luck at IU!
Love, Mom, Dad, Kristin and family

Barrientez

Sarah



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Pieniazek

Mitchell



Congratulations Mitch! The life you choose is very honorable, challenging, and exciting. Always be safe. And know how proud we are. Love you and we will miss you.
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Karen



You're truly a source of inspiration and very responsible and caring. You're a blessing to our family. Your grandparents are proud of you as well. Keep up, and congratulations. We love you! Papa, Mom, Kat, and Jed

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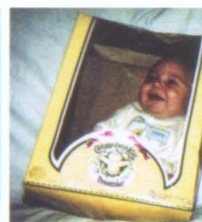
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Justin



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Erica,
You are everything your name means "ever powerful." We can't begin to tell you how much joy you've brought into our lives and how proud we are of you.

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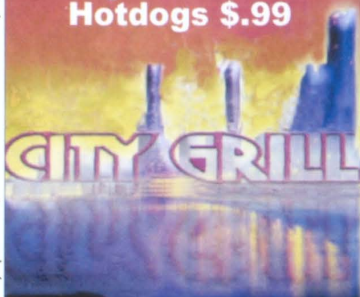
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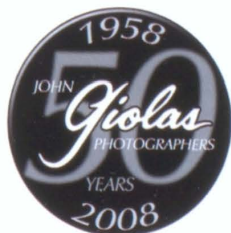
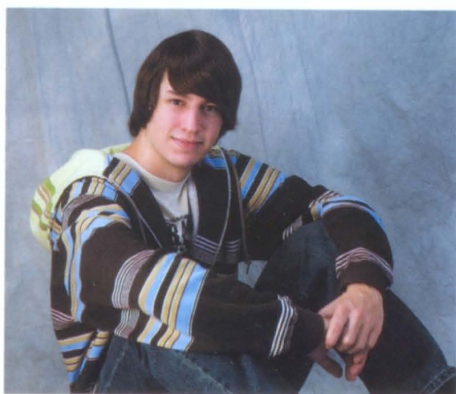
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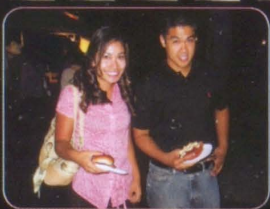
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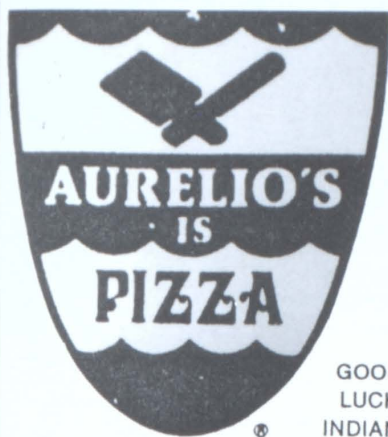
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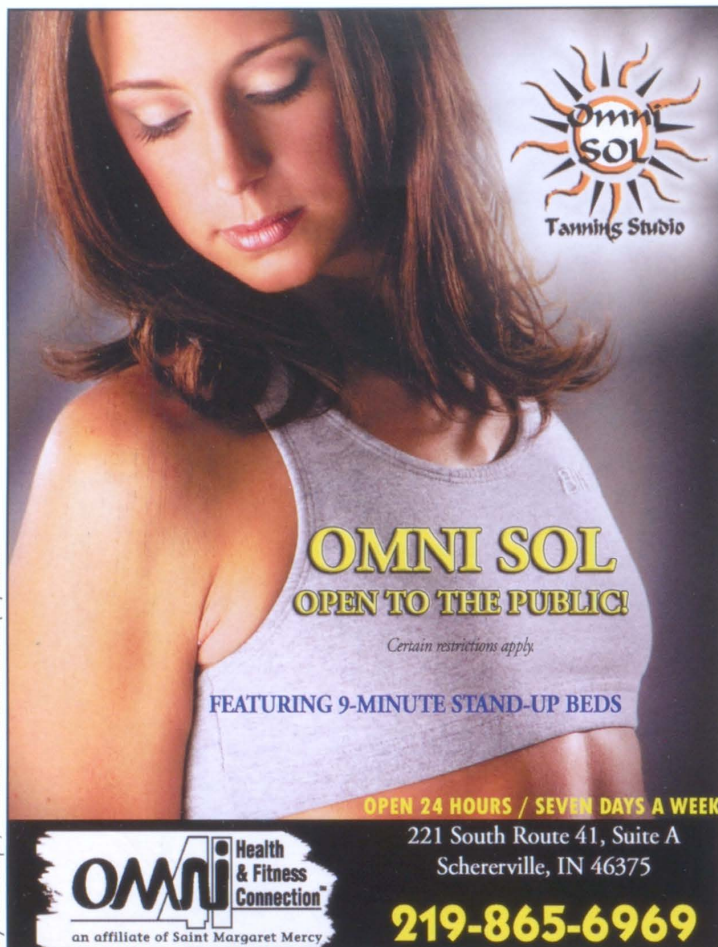
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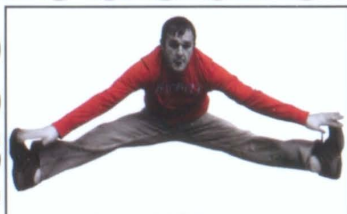


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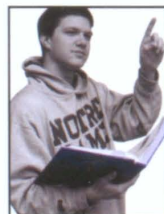
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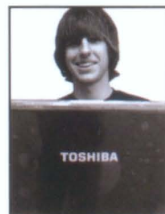
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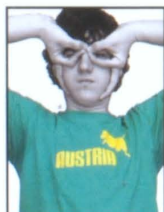
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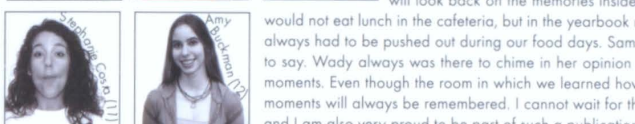
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from the editor-in-chief

Oh what a year it's been. It all started out at the Ball State summer workshop (which was more like yearbook boot camp). While there, the editors, minus Kristen because she was in gorgeous Europe, had editorial leadership and theme classes all day long. During our four days on campus, we developed a theme: In & Out. Little did we know then that with that theme we would have to explain it a thousand times, but overall end up with an amazingly fabulous book.



As the year started, VP took the six experienced editors under her wing. Like always, the national journalism convention, which was in Philadelphia this year, was a blast - even with our four hour walking tour of the city. Everyone was excited to get started on the book which we thought had a whole new look to it. The first portion of the year proved to be a tough one. We were told that we could not go out interviewing and we were missing our lovable Matt like crazy. Through all the hundreds of mug shots, folio quotes and captions, we all bonded over the struggles and celebrations. You could always find our dynamic duos scattered throughout the orange and white room of S103; you could always count on Aubree to bring in cupcakes on everyone's birthday; and you could always expect for at least half of the people you called down to not show up. After the first mailing deadline when we were stuck in our "sanctuary" of the yearbook room, as Kristen called it, until 11:00 p.m., we all got a little crazy, but my wonderful editors were always there in times of need. Whether you needed Kristen to help you through the infamous 13 step cut-out process, Tara to help spice up your copy, Aubree to check all thirty-something names on the baby ad pages, Emily to make sure everything was absolutely, perfectly aligned, Karen to throw together an awesome spread in about five seconds or Ashley to know the exact spelling of that one girl with the crazy-long last name, I knew I could always count on them. I knew I could always count on Melanie and Stacy to cheer me up when I've had a rough day too. The school will forever look back on the book for sports scores, prom pictures and school photos, but for us we will look back on the memories inside the classroom. We formed a "lunch" group of about 10 Quiver dorks, and even honorary Quiver members (Joe), that would not eat lunch in the cafeteria, but in the yearbook room. Chris was always being blamed for something or another. "Lisa visits" were always looked forward to. Scout boys always had to be pushed out during our food days. Sam and VP cut at least 12 inches of their hair off for St. Baldrick's. Morgan always had something hilarious and interesting to say. Wady always was there to chime in her opinion during photo critiques and deadline days. And of course we had our many "You know you're a Quiver dork when..." moments. Even though the room in which we learned how to write captions, perfect copy and do partial cut-outs will not remain after this year, our journalism skills and hilarious moments will always be remembered. I cannot wait for this amazing book to come out at the end of summer. I am so proud of our accomplishments and achievements this year, and I am also very proud to be part of such a publication that is so well-respected and known for such modern design techniques. I am truly honored to be called a Quiver dork.



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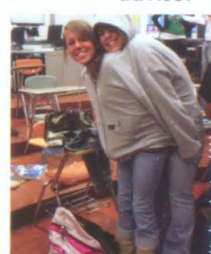
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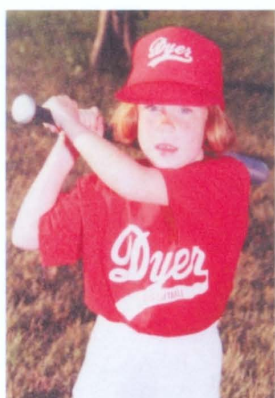
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Jillian Ryan 1986-2008



photos contributed by: Jillian's Mother & Westlake department

"Jillian Ryan was born on June 14, 1986 and was a very spirited, hyperactive child who talked so fast she barely took a breath between words. She was impulsive with a penchant for getting into mischief. Jill had a witty sense of humor and as one teacher put it 'was always smiling.' She was stubborn and determined and loved being the center of attention. Jillian won awards in art, was very athletic and was picked for a school choir. As her grandma Nancy said, 'She was full of life.' With her personality and gifts we often speculated what she would become. On June 22, 1995 Jillian nearly drowned in our backyard pool. She has just completed third grade and was a state champion swimmer with the Lake Central Barracudas. Our dreams for her future were shattered that day. She lost almost all physical movement, her speech and ability to swallow or eat. Mentally she was affected, but could recognize people, read and obey simple commands to look at things. Most of all, she still had her sense of humor and ability to laugh and smile as well as her fighting spirit and determination. As her mother, she taught me unconditional love, patience and not to sweat the small stuff in life. Her perseverance and bravery in the physical traits and sufferings she endured were inspiring. Her message to me, and I hope to others, is to make the most of what we are dealt in life, good or bad, and don't take for granted and waste gifts and abilities given by your Maker. Jillian died March 22, 2008 after an eight week hospitalization on the day before Easter when we celebrate Christ's resurrection, and is my belief she is resurrected and whole again in heaven without handicaps awaiting our reunion. We will miss you.

During one's lifetime, we occasionally meet persons who touch our life in such an indelible way that we are changed in mind, heart and spirit. Jill Ryan was that person. Her smile would light up a room. Her eyes followed staff, peers and visitors who frequented our classroom. Over a period of time, her eyes and smile taught many of us to see with our heart. Jill's time was richly spent; her gifts willingly shared. Jill touched our lives and enriched our days," the Westlake Staff said.

"Jill, though I only knew you for a short time, I will never forget you, and I can't wait to see you running in heaven," Dave, stepdad, said.

"When she **laughed**, it came from her belly and her smile... it was hard not to laugh and **smile** along with her. It was a **true gift**,"
Gayle, caregiver, said.

"Remembering Jill, I think of a spunky, red-haired, freckled-face child. As she grew into a young adult, I will remember her as a beautiful precious child of God with a great smile and laugh. I was rewarded with being her caregiver, who at times taught my family and myself how really special disabled children and their families are. Jillian's life rewarded us here on Earth and now those in heaven will be rewarded by her also," Jenine, friend and caregiver, said.

"Jill was a fighter," Uko Uko, Jillian's physical therapist said.

"Red hair and freckles and a love for her ABC's; thanks for the memories Jillian," Lois, Jillian's neighbor said.

Ms. Rosie Ihnat 1948-2008



"We lost a very dedicated teacher this past January. Ms. Rosie Ihnat died on January 25, 2008. 'Rosie' taught in the Social Studies department for over thirty years. Throughout those thirty years of teaching at Lake Central, Ms. Ihnat was always known for being a team player. Over the past three years, the Social Studies department has undergone a major transformation. With the retirement of teachers and a growing school population, Lake Central had added twelve new teachers in the Social Studies department. To help remedy the scheduling situation, Ms. Ihnat volunteered to teach Honors History, a class she never taught before. Two years ago she began to teach Honors History, which added to her already tough schedule of Advanced Placement Government and Honors Government. Because of her strong work ethic and team player approach, Rosie made a great sacrifice for our department. This typified the kind of person she was. Rosie was very helpful and caring towards everyone. She helped me a great deal after I became department head. Rosie took notes at

staff meetings, helped me with department issues and more importantly she was a great listener. Ms. Ihnat was a democrat, so know she would have loved to be teaching her students about the election process. I am sure that somewhere right now Rosie Ihnat is talking to or teaching someone about the United States election process. Ms. Ihnat will always be remembered as a team player, knowing her subject matter, being helpful and caring and a great colleague. Rosie, we all miss you dearly, but we know you are in a better place," Mr. Ralph Holden, Social Studies Department Head, said.

"Rosie's laughter was unique and infectious. You could not help but laugh with her. And having laughed with her, you could not help but be glad you knew her," Mrs. Toni Radio, English, said.

"She was a dedicated educator and such a very nice and jovial person. She epitomized so many of the characteristics that we as educators seek to possess. She is greatly missed," Mr. Mike Hensley, Foreign Language, said.

"Ms. Ihnat was never afraid to tell you the *truth*! She would *challenge* students by being right wing one day and left wing the next. She *cared deeply* about her students and the community. Rosie was the *spirit* of the 'old guard' of Lake Central," Mrs. Sandie Platt, High School Principal, said.



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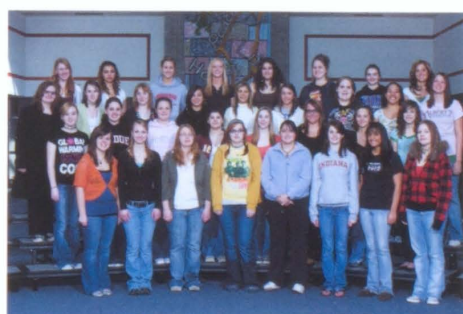
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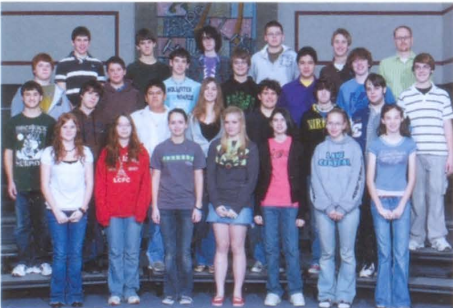
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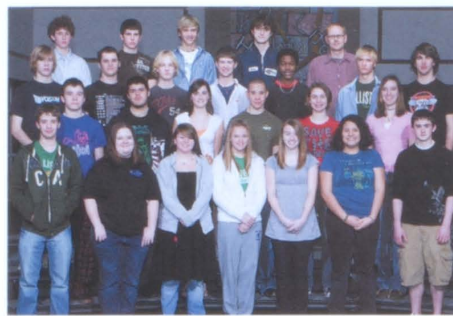
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"Symphonic band is better than concert band because we are more laid back," Alexander Gianopolus (10) said.

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"Because of band, I know the Lion King backwards and forwards," Mark Bottger (10) said.

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Front Row: Michael Gurney, Elizabeth McClain, Veronica Jashenski, Catherine Young, Miranda Thomas, Arlene Lee, Batul Contractor, Bradley Biegel Second Row: Marilyn Karas, Kayla Mills, Kristie Adams, Krista Gallatin, Christine Murzyn, Margaret Ryan, Bryan Lazaroff, Kyle Gorman, Zachary Rees, Jessica Bouma Third Row: Nicole Krstulovich, Ellen Geisen, Grace Mertsching, Erin Kramer, Kristen Wicklund, Maureen Forsythe, Kayla Milcarek, Kristen Flens, Jacqueline Berg, Joseph Orzechowski, Gretchen Calderone Forth Row: Jonathon Barnes, Leah Thomas, Tiffany Kobak, William Brennan, Daniel Deluca, Justin Jimenez, Thomas Finnegan, Eric Tarnowski, Derrick Sanders, Zachary Owens, Russell Batty Last Row: Mr. Chris Harmon, Breanna Walton, Ian Bartlett, Benjamin Ballas, Mark Berg, Timothy Klam, Justin Schultz, Daniel Heath, David O'Donnell, Steven Roviaro, Daniel Deenik, Mr. David Nelson



Jets

Front Row: Andrew Srisuwananukorn, Shloka Kini, Katie Byrd, Brandon Hyzy Second Row: Alexander Matushek, Anthony Lyza, Thomas Barclay, Patrick Lewis Back Row: Stevan Tomich II, Timothy Klam, Alexander Masleld



NHS

Front Row: Molly Sammon, Karen Burgos, Brittney Corley, Rebecca Holme, Erika Aldape, Lauren Podowski, Jana Kovich Second Row: Kathryn Dunlap, Megan Feustel, Colette Herald, Sarah Barrientez, Hannah Kimberly, Katelyn Thompson, Jennifer Kelleher Back Row: Kristen Sweeney, Katie Kirchoff, Bailey McFarland, Shruti Sharma, Amy Buckman, Brittany Grantham



NHS

Front Row: Marcus St. Amour, Sarah Briggs, Kaitlyn McClain, Katie Byrd, Nicole Polus, Mora Haddad, Robert Kwiecinski Second Row: Julie Soltesz, Lindsey Phillips, Christina Flores, Angela Wopinski, Amanda Paglis Third Row: Magdelynn Pollaro, Sarah Shields, Allison Aguilera, Ashley King, Jennifer Simac, Bethany Ward Back Row: Savannah Hauter, Anna Bona, Michael Ashenbrener, Anthony Lyza, Sophia Bairaktaris, Kevin Snyder



NHS

Front Row: David Deenik, Samantha Raab, Annie Trincot, Matthew St. Amour, Michael Hernandez, Katrina Coric, Nicole Kulina, Katherine Hanyzewski Second Row: Curtis Barr, Joseph Mista, Joseph Olen, Kevin Parikh, Aleksandra Vukovic, Jill Wichert, Christopher Hilbrich Third Row: Derrick Ristich, Philip Mangiaracina, Theodore Sieffert, Daniela Lazarevic, Tara Davis, Nicole Moon, Ashley Poby, Megan Epperson Last Row: Stevan Ivetic, Keith Milushoff, Scott Spicer, Timothy Klam, Stephen Meeker, Justin Haviar, Devin Sanders



Freshman Class Cabinet

Front Row: Diana Dieguez, Niljah Shavers, Alexea Candrea, Taylor Rimmele, Marina Magnabosco, Mrs. Robin May Second Row: Julie Niemzyk, Kelly Forbes, Ashley Klein, Nikolina Savic, Victoria Banks, Panagiota Manousopoulos Back Row: Michael Harretos II, Samantha Rechlicz, Carly Ham, Megan Trincot, Samantha Feldman



Junior Class Cabinet

Front Row: Britni Weiner, Megan Matura, Brooke Burczyk, Kristin Greenwood, Stephanie Collins Second Row: Talisa Soto, Caitlin Godoy, Brittany Marshall, Kimberley Kovacic Back Row: Jessica Studniarz, Stacy Sobek, Rachel Guiden, Megenn Harretos, Kaysee Cieslak



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Front Row: Amy McRam, Alyssa Kowaleski, Kimberlee Koehler, Amy Mitziga, Lindsay Jurek Second Row: Christy Pawlowski, Jennifer Severin, Jessica Dobson, Lauren DeYoung, Stevan Tomich II Back Row: Sarah Sweeney, Lauren Adamczewski, Jonathan Tallent, Christine Conrad, Jenny Kranc

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"Senior class cabinet is really starting to get involved with the school; it is not only planning for senior banquet," Tara Davis (12) said.

"I'm glad that class cabinet helped to raise money for the Matt Wesley dance," Amy Buckman (12) said.

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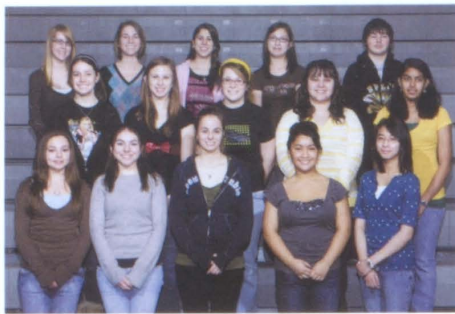
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BPA

Front Row: Mrs. Rita Chavez, Jay Lannin, Andrew Siegle, Jacob Kramer, Michael Ashenbrener, John Grabarczyk, Keegan Hernandez Second Row: Garrett Rietveld, Kelly Galka, Mark Brouillette, Richard Reasons, Joseph Maguire, Brett Guiden Third Row: Alexander Ronzani, Michael Frick, Corey Homcho, Nicholas West, Mark Berg, Kevin Wells, Jonathan Borgetti



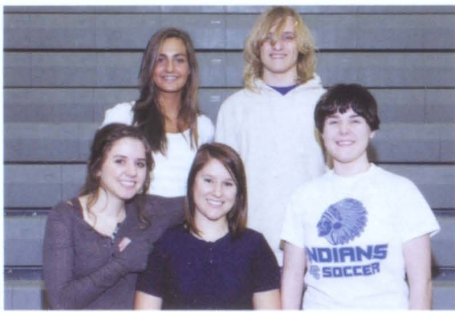
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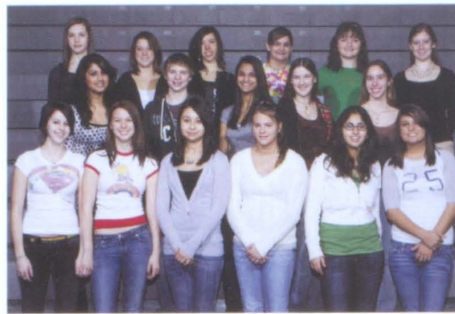
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Front Row: Panagiota Doukas, Jana Kovich, Julie Stecyk Back Row: Emily LeVin, Timothy Krull

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"I think French is a neat language, and I enjoy being with people that also feel this way," William Jarvis (11) said.



"German club is a great way to make new friends, and it looks great on college applications," Rebecca Schymanski (11) said.

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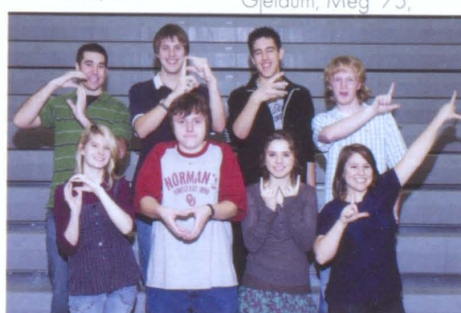
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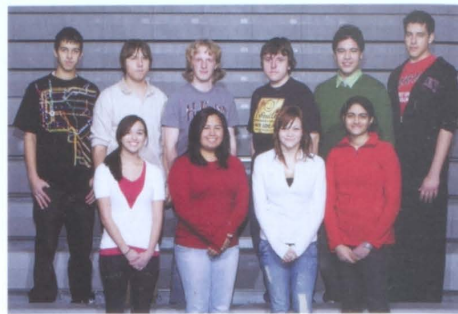
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Wayward Bible

Front Row: Lissette Martinez, Ryan McCabe, Megan Feustel
 Second Row: Stephanie Collins, Monica Feustel, Stephanie
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Girls Golf

Front Row: Jennifer Pufahl, Brianna Davy, Megan Matura, Lisa Rodriguez, Miroslava Repak, Michelle Baczkowski
Back Row: Morgan Goldsmith, Brooke Bushong, Coach Doug Johnson, Emily Sandefur, Marina Magnabosco



Freshman Football

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Front Row: WanMi Yoo, Karen Burgos, Brooke Burczyk, Britni Weiner, Megan Matura, Stacy Sobek Second Row: Christine Natorelli, Shruti Sharma, Kristen Sweeney, Bailey McFarland, Krysta Arnold, Alexandria Mele, Rebecca Sayre Third Row: Kaysee Cieslak, Jessica Moore, Brittany Krstulovich, Nikolina Ajder, Samantha Tarrant, Molly Rupp, Anna Bona, Lauren Petersen Fourth Row: Lauren Phillips, Daniela Lazarevic, Akongwi Bonu, Zachary Langbeen, Lauren DeYoung, Amy Mitziga, Lindsay Jurek, Lauren Adamczewski, Jenny Kranc Last Row: Michael Szeffer, Joseph Lauerman, Kyle Koebecke, Daniel Manick, Jeffrey Riddle

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"Our coach always says a blind squirrel finds his nut every once in a while," Jacob Harrison (11) said.

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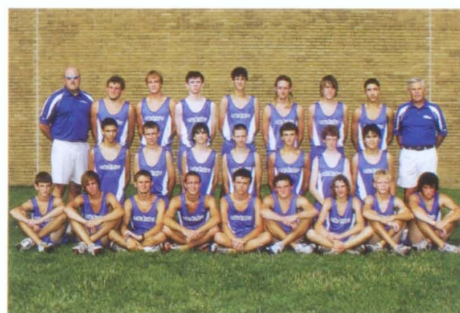
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Front Row: Megan Fife, Anna Kacius, Melanie Bates, Megan Plenus, Demitria Garibay, Mora Haddad, Lauren Rusnik, Samantha Pasak, Amy Crague, Brooke Podowski, Kristen Rose Second Row: Alyssa Markiewicz, Dana Payonk, Samantha Stewart, Erin Ward, Kailey Jensen, Anna Bona, Lindsay Ward, Katelin Smierciak, Elise Boyle, Megan Feustel, Jacqueline Martinez Last Row: Coach Denise Fitzgerald Rush, Jaclyn Henderson, Courtney Craft, Danielle Rashin, Hillary Anthony, Nicole Kunis, Jenny Kranc, Christine Conrad, Brittany Craft, Danielle Durochik, Madylin Jerome, Rachel Zajac, Coach Ann Downey



Boys Cross Country

Front Row: Erik Plesha, Matt Tellas, Jeffery Trembacki, Kyle Kacius, Jonathan Sommer, Marcus St. Amour, Jacob Ponton, Justin Shields, Matthew Skura Second Row: Antonio Trevino, Nicholas Anthony, Eric Hickok, Kevin Bridegroom, Joshua Singel, Kevin Horecky, Nicolas Martinez Back Row: Coach Jeff Rhody, Matthew St. Amour, Jacob Kramer, Thomas Paschen, Kenton Pratt, Christopher Jelewski, Efrain Flores, Coach Rudy Skorupa



JV Boys Tennis

Front Row: Christopher Pyle, Matthew Marquiss, Daniel Peterson, Adam Meeker, Bryon Brumm Back Row: Nicole Polus, Nolan Mancera, Coach Ralph Holden, Matthew Radencic, Coach Bryan Szalonek



Varsity Cheerleading

Front Row: Ashley Scott, Ashley Kahn, Samantha Moody, Ashlee Russell, Meridith Gjeldum, Ashley Carstensen Last Row: Gia Laski, Amy Buckman, Alicia Moricz, Hayley Butcher, Rebecca Holme



Varsity Boys Tennis

Front Row: Kevin Snyder, Adam Wroughton, Tyler Goldsberry, Ryan Schweitzer, Michael Ashenbrener, Kevin Parikh, Robert Repasi Jr. Back Row: Nicole Polus, Marc Radovich, Bradley Spicer, David Woods, Coach Ralph Holden, William Simes, Joseph Stecyk, Gary Snyder Coach Bryan Szalonek



Girls Varsity Soccer

Front Row: Brooke Polus, Nicole Bardoczi, Jessica Gates, Sophia Pollalis, Rebecca Koslow, Samantha Cook, Lauren Rigg, Kayla Hughes Last Row: Coach Richard Moore, Genna Noel, Celia Kielbasinski, Kaley Marcinak, Amanda Garton, Katherine Krull, Megan Uzubell, Katelyn Diehl, Ashley Doreski, Coach Julie Moore, Sylwia Pilat, Coach Lori Moore



Boys JV Soccer

First Row: Brandon Cloutier Second Row: Ryan Dobos, Francesco Rizzo, Carlos Hernandez, Sean Boyle, Rogelio Camarena, Jared Schreiber, Djordje Janjus, David Picioski, Andrew Ritchie Last Row: Joshua Berwanger, Branislav Malesevic, Manuel Delgado Jr., Michael Matakovic, Jason Macnak, Douglas Petersen



Girls JV Soccer

Front Row: Nikolina Adjer, Amanda Huesca, Nicole Kuehner, Julia Stecyk, Emily Peppin, Amber Zendzian, Erica Sardella, Laura Herman, Alana Eatinger, Elaine Grimm Last Row: Coach Richard Moore, Amy Gasiorowski, Allison Brooks, Rachel Madsen, Sophia Pollalis, Sarah Zajac, Jessica Bardoczi, Jessica Lyza, Marcella Ricciardi, Jillian Egipciano, Amanda Pyrz, Coach Julie Moore

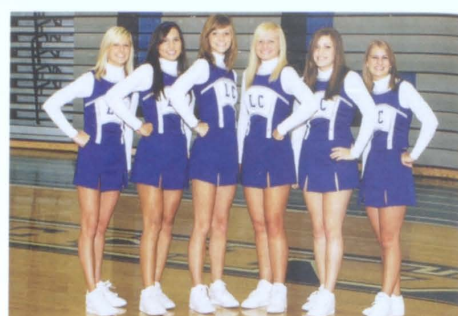
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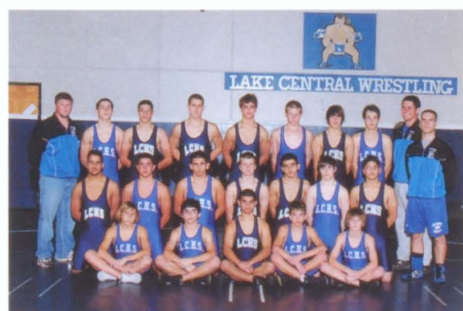
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 Third Row: Stephen Schindler, Christopher Johnson, Jonathan Solan, Michael Frick, Jeffery Thorp, Ryan Seapan, Zenon Mills
 Last Row: Michael Radjenovic, Christopher Hilbrich, Michael Majchrowicz, Ryan Hunter, David Deenik, Gilberto Barajas, Matthew Schmidt, Cameron Sweeney



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Freshman Boys Basketball

Front Row: Tyler Bork, Aeron Ramos, Daniel Jessup, Matthew Tellas, Adam Meeker, Kramer Phalen
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 Back Row: Stevan Jevdasic, Coach Josh Huwig, Nicholas Pellar, Maxwell Faulkner, Joseph Luecke, Kyle Dickelman, Brandon Cloutier, Coach Marc Urban, Ryan Byrne



JV Boys Basketball

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"Practices are worth the competition. I expect to do well this year," Bionca Zamora (12) said.

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Varsity Girls Basketball

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Front Row: Ariel Bribiesca, Rebecca Hernandez, Jessica Haskins, Alyssa Gallegos, Maggie Harris Middle Row: Lissa Landini, Samantha Terry, Stephanie Mullolhand, Trisha Tornincasa, Stephanie Mikolajcak, Meghan Blais Last Row: Coach Lauren Wesolowski, Katie Skura, Amanda Foy, Megan Stepanian, Sally Stepanian, Kim Moreland, Coach Stephanie Prescia



Varsity Softball

Meredith Cioffi, Sarah Shields, Danielle Tencza, Sarah Ranieri, Rebecca Nawrocki, Ashley Cutsburt Middle Row: Sam Michalski, Mellissa Magdos, Amanda Foy, Allison Aguilera, Karrisra Inglis, Brooke Polus, Jennifer Kosinski, Last Row: Coach Keith Hauber, Coach Eric Bushong, Rachel Weaver, Jill Wiehert, Jessica Dobson, Nicole Sherbowski, Marcy Penna, Coach Steph Prescia, Brooke Bushong



Varsity Baseball

Front Row: Elio Zomperelli, Roger Sammon, Devin DeYoung, Frank Ruvoli, Timothy Shanks, Anthony Olund, Kyle Kaluzu, Steven Traficante Middle Row: Jacob Lecea, Andrew Doyle, Ryan Boss, Kyle Scheffel, Matthew Skura, Joseph Kawa, Robert Keough Last Row: Megan Specyal, Coach Luis Aguilar, Coach Ted Iwema, Daniel Manick, Eric Summers, Neil Koricanac, Coach Jeffrey Sherman, Coach Kevin Furman, Peter Sobun



JV Baseball

Front Row: Frank Pluskota, Kyle Ovanek, William Venturelli, John Pederson, Matthew Miller Second Row: James Wanda, Robert Keough, Ryan Hunter, Timothy Shanks, Kevin Herald, Ryan Hennessey Last Row: Cody Dykema, Max Majchrzak, Coach Joe Stanis, Kurt Kudrecki, Brian Crider



Freshman Baseball

Front Row: Bradley Wartman, Stephen Hanyzewski, Nicholas Martinez, Matthew Tellas, Anthony Albomonte Middle Row: Mark Barnes, Edward Mouldenhauer, Nicholes Johnson, Michael Sammon, Henry Siedentopf, Stephen Letz Last Row: Brandon Cloutier, Maxwell Faulkner, Nathan Huizenga, Coach Jeff Sandor, Zachary Widlowski, Kyle Dickelman, David Revoir



Varsity Tennis

Front Row: Nicole Polus, Laurie Rutkowski, Britni Weiner, Erica Yothment, Last Row: Coach Vivian Velasco, Tara McElmurry, Grace Myers, Emily Peppin, Coach Brian Szalonek



JV Girls Tennis

Front Row: Ashley DeSantiago, Emma Harowski, Jill Sanders, Lauren Ashenbrenner, Samantha Tarrant Middle Row: Brooke Burczyk, Valrie Hill, Panagiota Manousopoulos, Patricia Martin, Erin Myers Last Row: Coach Vivian Valesco, Abigail Melvin, Rebeka Casper, Colleen McElmurry, Alaina Reynolds, Emily Shaw, Coach Brian Szalonek



Boys Golf

Front Row: Bernard Prisby, Kevin Rush, Nicholas Ollearis, John Bojczuck, Ronnie Prestamer, Kameron Caldwell, Tyler Graves Back Row: Ryan Schuldt, Garrett Koch, Timothy Konvalinka, Kyle Hackel, Coach John Schneider, Stevan Ivetch, Joseph Mista, Vincent Barker, Johnathon Katich



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best costumes



class snoozer:
Tara Davis



sharpest tool in the shed:
Anna Bona &
Kevin Parikh



best looking:
Heather Homcho
& Shane Cloutier



most likely to marry:
Rebecca Warrens
& John Steel, III



most athletic:
Daniel Manick
& Samantha Michalski



best eyes:
Jennifer Simac



best dancer:
Nicole Moon



best dressed:
Lauren Phillips &
Rodney Jones



best body:
Anthony Morang
& Erica Nelson



most involved:
Jeffrey Riddle &
Rebecca Holme



brightens your day:
Rachael Prendergast &
William McAllister



most likely to become president:
Kyle Hackel &
Jana Kovich



most likely to walk the red carpet:
Lauren Petersen

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"[Senior Banquet] definitely gave us one last time to all be together and have a great night before graduation," Faith Patena (12) said.

"[Senior Banquet was] the most fun school event I've been to," Angela Youngs (12) said.

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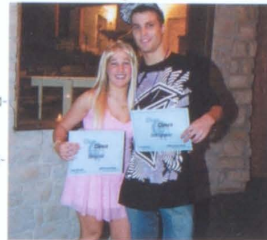
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 Akongwi Bonu



one in a million:
 Theodore Hiemstra &
 Emily Bohn



class clown:
 Sylvia Pilot &
 Zachary Langbeen



best hair:
 Austin Macak &
 Kelly Borgia



best personality:
 Joseph Kawa &
 Amanda Sebahar



most likely to be successful:
 Molly Sammon &
 Ryan Schweitzer



biggest airhead:
 Bridget Ziolkowski &
 Nicholas Garibay



most likely to return as teachers:
 Brian McNamara &
 Krystle Shanks



best singer:
 Blake Zamora &
 WonMi Yoo



biggest flirt:
 Danielle Olson &
 Jerome Minyard



best smile:
 Matthew Wesley &
 Amanda Paglis



superfans:
 Rachael Oskam &
 Devin DeYoung



teacher's pet:
 Troy Gulden &
 Allison Aguilera



couple that should've been:
 Rogelio Carrera &
 Jennifer Ovanek



the next Van Gogh:
 Kenton Pratt &
 Anna Dougherty

"To stand out as an individual is to trust who you are and what you believe,"

Nicole Sanfz (11) said.

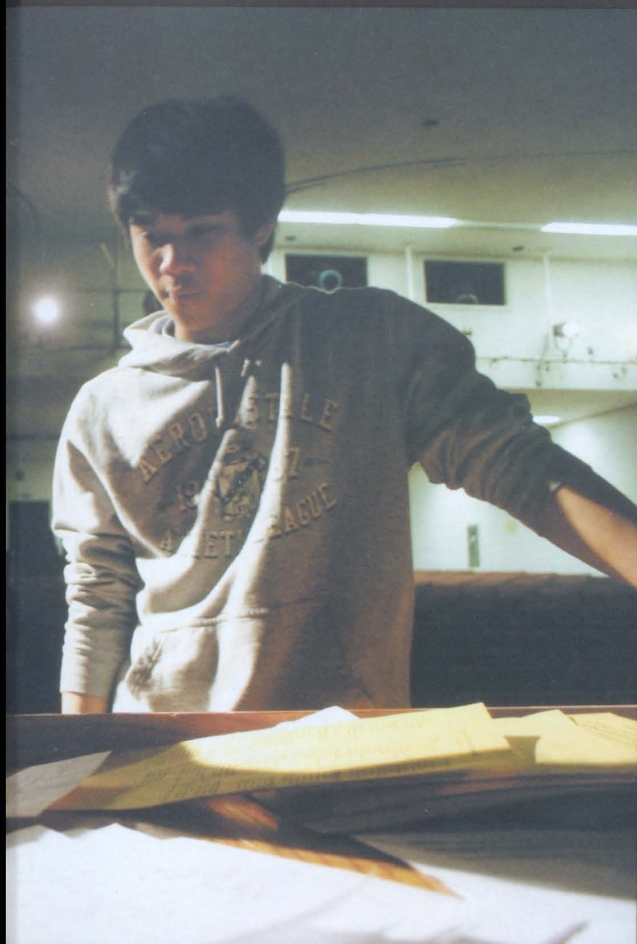


1 Mrs. Rita Powell, Guidance, helps Aeron Ramos (9) schedule for his upcoming sophomore year. Freshmen began scheduling in February, and they are the last grade to schedule for the upcoming school year.

2 Max Majchrzak (10) pitches for the Varsity Baseball team against Merrillville High School. Majchrzak was one of four sophomores that got chosen to play on Varsity.

3 Michael Barry (12) pulls a plate for a page on a press. Barry was a student in Mr. Jerome Rainwater's Print Shop class, which prints the Scout regularly.





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As the school year comes to a close, have we found ourselves yet? Have we found that one aspect that really makes us different? Well maybe some of us have.



Brian Crider (10) happened to be one of the only sophomores on the Varsity baseball team. "It was nothing I expected. [Baseball] is pretty much the easiest sport for me to get to. It's my favorite," Crider said. He has played baseball since he was ten. Crider was on the freshmen team last year, but worked in the off season and ended up as starter on Varsity.



If baseball doesn't really catch your interest, supporting our troops may be more up your alley. Along with Ashley King (12), Samantha Quinn (11) started a new charity called Operation Home. This cause sends our simple luxuries over to the troops. "Mr. [Tom] Clark told Ashley and I that there are soldiers who don't get anything from families or loved ones. I thought that was really sad. This war is something people just want to forget, but we don't want the soldiers to be forgotten," Quinn said.



Maybe you want to do more than just support our troops. What about discussing global issues? Mr. Kendall Smith approached Jana Kovich (12) about creating a new club talking about current issues. So, along with Molly Sammon (12), Kovich started the Young Americans Organization. "I feel more rewarded to have created a place where anyone can come to talk about their beliefs on politics, the environment or just the way our school is run," Kovich said.



Instead of just talking about issues, what about someone who is getting ready to experience them? William Gnerlich (12) is going into the Army after high school. "My three grandfathers were in the Army. I always think 'there's strong and then there's Army strong.' I want to give back to this great country," Gnerlich said. Gnerlich wants to finish what we've started in Iraq as a 25 Bravo, an Information Technology Specialist. "I'm excited, I'm scared, I'm nervous, I'm anxious, and I don't know what to expect," Gnerlich said.

I guess that is the story of all of us. We're excited, we're scared, we're nervous, we're anxious and we just don't know what to expect.

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we're nervous, we're anxious
and we just don't know what to expect.*

It's 2:09.

The hallways instantly crowd with students racing to beat the daily parking lot rush. Officer Fred and the principals prepare to search for those expected bad teen drivers. After the last bell rings we go to track practice, to NHS or just go home to rest before the next hectic day of high school life.

We woke up April 18 to a little rumble. Was it wind? Thunder? Dad's snoring down the hall? No. It was an earthquake originating from Illinois with a magnitude of 5.2.

We began to feel the stress of the 2008 presidential elections. With the constant news coverage of Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton battling for the democratic candidate nomination, and the Young Americans' club putting up posters about voting, we can't help but feel the urge to vote and make a difference.

We have always said nothing happens in the region, but suddenly so much has. Johnny Depp traveled to the Lake County Court House during spring break as he filmed a scene in his upcoming movie about John Dillinger. With personal autographs and handshakes from Mr. Depp himself, we all had our own little piece of Hollywood.

We said goodbye to a few people. Mr. Robert McDermott was offered a job at Highland High School, and will be a Trojan next fall. Mr. Robert and Mrs. Janet Emerick say goodbye to Lake Central and to Northwest Indiana as they retire to the warmth of South Carolina. But the most emotional goodbyes came from the passing of our very own Ms. Rose Ihnat and Jillian Ryan.

Through all the ups and downs, we welcome some new changes. The expansion of the cafeteria will force S-hall classrooms to relocate to other parts of S-hall or to the new mobile classrooms. We can look forward to a bigger cafeteria, but we will have to look to new places to answer our sweet tooth. Officer Fred's office and candy will also be moved.

As those lazy summer days sneak closer and closer, we get a little antsy and remember the snow day we have to make up. Thoughts of regret slip into our minds as we wish summer would come earlier, but totally vanish when we remember the memories we made that day we all got that glorious phone message from Mr. Larry Veracco that snowy morning.

Whether we're belting out "Greased Lightning" or voting in an attempt to change the world, we stand by what we do, by what we think, and by being an Indian.

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by what we think, and by being an Indian.*

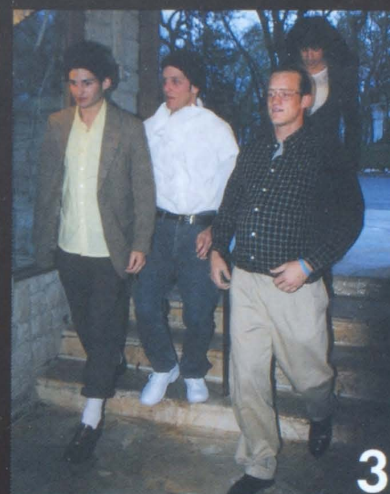




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1 Aubree Adams (12) and Kevin Badten (11) perform the closing song of Grease "All Choked Up." This was Badten's second lead in a musical. The first was his freshman year in the musical *Little Shop of Horrors*.

2 Samantha Maloney (11) stares in amazement at the amount of hair she had just had cut off. Maloney had 13 inches of her hair cut off. She along with other students helped raise money for St. Baldrick's, an organization that raises funds for pediatric cancer.

3 Anthony Schultz (12), Dominic Zuccarelli (12), Jeffery Bock (12) and Stephen Meeker (12) make their way into the indoor tent assembled at Meyers Castle for Senior Banquet. Schultz, Zuccarelli, Meeker and Bock went as the characters from Seinfeld.

4 Blake Zamora (12), Mitchell Anthony (11), Justin Denton (11) and Zachary Adamczyk (11) perform their barber shop Quartet at the Classics Choir Concert. The Barber Shop Quartet earned a perfect score at State.



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"It's funny how I stand out in a crowd 'cause I look exactly like one-sixth of the world's population,"

Andrew Srisuwananukorn (11) said.

"Summer is coming. It's the best time of the year. I can't wait for school to be over," Brittini Szczecina (10) said.

IV girls swim team



Chelsea Migler (11)



Jose Perez, Jr., (9)



Kristin Lamprecht (12), Nichole Foley (11),



Nina Eiler (11), Michelle Roberts (11)

in & out

